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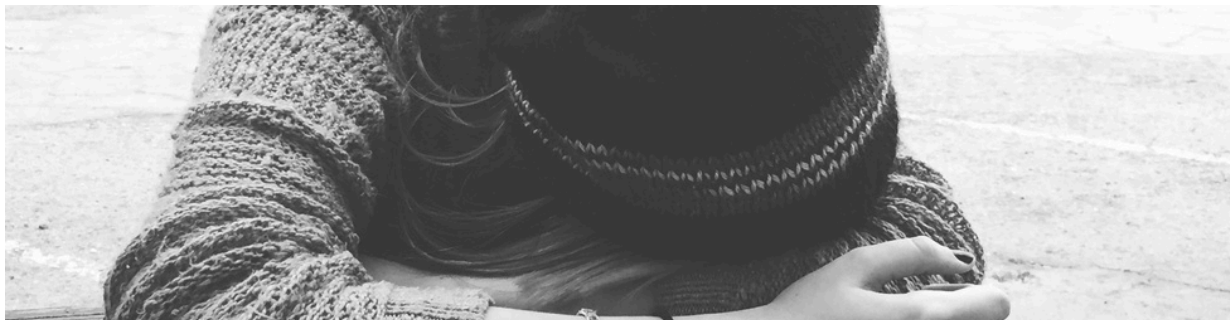
We had such a great day on Saturday for our Day in the Park Car Show. This was our biggest Car Show and it was a blast!

Some of the highlights we had were Assemblymember James Ramos coming and the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation Bird Singers blessing our day. The Punishers Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club supporting us, The YMCA Circus, The Boy Scouts, and of course seeing all of the families walking around and enjoying the day. A huge thank you to all of our cars and vendors who made the day so good! We are so thankful.



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A Clear Mind Makes Wise Choices

I come from a family of 10 siblings. My parents have done meth most of their lives which meant I was a foster kid most of my life. I was in and out of foster homes, never staying anywhere too long.

Once I turned 18, I was able to move into an apartment where the Foster Care system paid for some of my rent. Being 18, meant that I was also able to get my first credit card and got a real fancy car with payments I can make. I thought I really had made it in the world. I didn't need anybody, until it all started to fall apart.

I didn't know about credit card interest, or car insurance, or due dates with rent. Noone taught me anything.

After a few months of having all of these things

I realized that I had no idea how to live and make wise choices.

I came to YouthHope desperate for help and guidance. Thankfully when I walked in, I saw the counselor. She must have seen the look of fear on my face cause she instantly sat me down and asked if she could help.

After I explained that my credit card is maxed out, I'm going to get kicked out of my apartment, and my car is going to get repossessed, she told me to take a deep breath. She got on the phone with my social worker and within the hour, she was able to help me. I have a place to go tonight, I'm applying for jobs to pay my credit card, and I'm going to trade in my car for one with a cheaper payment and I'm learning more and more how to live in the big world.

DID YOU KNOW?

ABOUT 1 IN 6 AMERICANS 12 YEARS AND OLDER LIVE WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER AND YOUNG ADULTS (18-25) HAVE THE HIGHEST RATE OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDER ([HTTPS://WWW.SAMHSA.GOV](https://www.samhsa.gov))

A Note From the Founder



We had such a great weekend at our Car Show. I am always so impressed with all of the cars that come to our show. They are all top notch and so impressive to look at.

Our vendors this year were incredible. We had delicious food, great info booths, and some real fun stuff that was being sold. I want to personally thank every single person who came.

Whether you came as a spectator, a vendor, or you brought your car, thank you for helping us help our youth.

We rely on these fundraisers to provide resources so we can continue helping the homeless, trafficked, and at-risk youth.

Also a huge shout out to Assemblymember Ramos, the Yuhaaviatam of San Manuel Nation Bird Singers, The YMCA Circus, The Boy Scouts, the Punishers LEMC, and all the volunteers for coming out and supporting us.

I hope your fall is off to a good start. We're getting ready to start our annual Christmas Shoe Drive. Cant wait to tell you all about it in our next newsletter.

Heidi Mayer