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The YouthHope Post

Harkins Theatres Present "Toy Story 4"

A Fundraiser Benefiting YouthHope!

Come support Youth-Hope by purchasing a ticket to the private screening of "Toy Story 4" on June 24th.

your choosing

- 1 medium popcorn
- 1 Harkins 2019 Loyalty Cup

You can also purchase tickets at YouthHope Monday through Thursday 8am-12pm.
1175 W. Redlands Blvd.

Here are the details:

- Tickets are \$35 each

Each ticket includes:

- Private showing of "Toy Story 4" on Monday June 24th
- 1 additional movie ticket for another night for a movie of

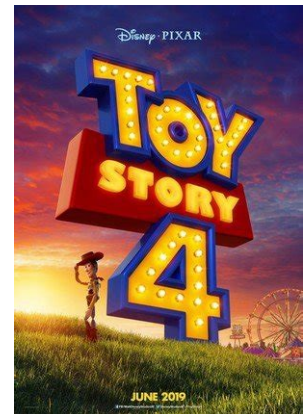
- Doors open at 6 pm

- Movie starts at 6:30 pm

To view the movie trailer and to purchase tickets, visit

www.youthhope.org

This event will have open seating.



Food and Clothing Closet



YouthHope's Food and Clothing Closet is one of the programs that draws our youth to YouthHope. We provide hot nutritious meals 4 days a week. During these YouthHope gatherings, Case

Managers are able to interact with youth, develop trusting relationships, determine individual needs, and make appropriate referrals to services provided by YouthHope or collaborative community partners. Case Managers are able to identify and facilitate access to resources that youth may not be aware of or are too intimidated to contact on their own.

Because of the extremely generous people in our community, we have a full clothing closet that our youth can take clothes for free. Fitting in and not being labeled as "homeless" or "dirty" is very important to our youth and we are so thankful that we can provide clean, nice clothing for our youth while they are becoming self-sufficient.

I Can Finally Breathe

I grew up in the foster care system. I never stayed in one house for that long. Nothing ever really felt like "home". No one really treated me like their child. I was more of an annoyance than anything else.

When I was 17, I ran away from my last foster house. I couldn't take it any more. I had lived way too many years being yelled at, not being loved and feeling trapped. I knew that living on the streets would be better than suffering at any foster home.

The first couple of nights on the street were the hardest. I didn't know anyone and I didn't know how the street life worked.

After a few days, I found a group of people that took me in. They helped me figure out this street life and taught me how to survive.

They also told me about YouthHope and how the people there can help.

I decided to go to YouthHope the next day and check it out. Everyone was super nice and welcoming. When I first walked in, I got a hug and was offered free food, clothes, medical care, and anything else that I might need. They didn't even know my story or the things that I've done and they still treated me like a friend.

YouthHope became a refuge for me. I came every day they were open and started getting pieces of my life together. I got my I.D., my resume, my food handlers certificate, and some job training.

Right when I thought I was about to get off the streets, something would pull me under. My friends, drugs, or alcohol. Heidi told me that I needed to get away from the distractions. So when I got the opportunity to move across the country with extended family, I took the chance. I was so scared.

Its been six months and I've never been better. I still struggle, but I'm clean from drugs and alcohol, I have a job, and I almost have enough saved for an apartment.

Thank you YouthHope for your support and encouragement!

Did You Know?

36% of our youth are currently living on the street.

A Note From the Founder



April has become a tough month for us at YouthHope. We lost our beloved Rueben in April, 3 years ago. This time of the year causes us to have a heaviness on our hearts. We are slowly healing, but we will always miss Rueben.

We are so thankful for Harkins Theatres and the fundraiser that they are putting on for us again. These fundraisers are so amazing and we are super excited for this years movie.

100% of the proceeds go to YouthHope for this fundraiser.

Along with supporting YouthHope, you are also getting a great deal. Make sure you spread the word about this fundraiser. It's an easy way to invite a friend or family member that has never heard of YouthHope. Lets fill up the theatre!

There are only 200 tickets so make sure you purchase them quickly!

We have been super busy at YouthHope this month. We have youth who are very serious about moving forward and we are so

excited for them. We have been handing out more bus passes than ever, helping youth with more resumes and food handlers certificates, housing, rehab, and any other needs they may have!

We are always in need of volunteers and if you are interested in helping out YouthHope, please email us at info@youthhope.org.