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### How COVID-19 has affected YouthHope

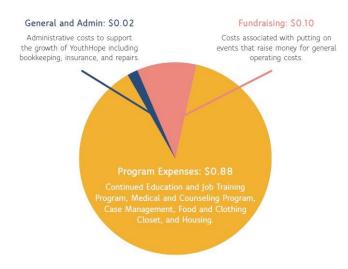
What a wild month! When we started March, we had no way to anticipate how fast our lives would change in a matter of a few weeks. As a non profit serving the communities most vulnerable population, we had some tough decisions to make.

We wanted to keep everyone safe and follow CDC and WHO recommendations while also not leaving our youth to fend for themselves. We've taken the following steps to continue to help our youth:

- We are still at our Drop In Center Monday-Thursday 8am-6pm to be there for our youth. We are not allowing youth to come inside, but rather meeting them outside with to-go food and whatever else they may need like hygiene items, groceries, clothes, etc.
  - 2. We are putting together boxes of food for families to take home. Many of them have lost jobs and have no groceries.
- 3. Meeting our youth where they are staying. So many of them have fear about leaving so we are bringing them food, warm blankets, ponchos, etc.
- 4. We have reduced our in house staff to 2-3. The rest of the staff are working from home to reduce contact. All staff are in separate offices and are staying 6+ feet away. We have 1 staff meeting our youth on the streets twice a day.
  - 5. Continuing our high standard of cleaning and cleaning more often.

### YouthHope Funds

YouthHope doesn't receive any state or federal funding. We are funded 100% off of donors and foundation grants. We are diligent at using our donations to directly help our youth. Below is how each dollar is spent when you donate!



# How Covid-19 has affected our youth

#### Jill

Jill had a great job at a local ware-house. Higher than average pay, benefits, ability to promote. She loved it and got several family members jobs there as well. When Covid-19 hit, they closed the warehouse without pay. So they went from a family of 4 bringing in income, to zero income. Frantically, they went to apply for EBT/food stamps and were denied. They were scared, hungry, and hopeless. She brought her family to Youth-Hope and we were able to provide a weeks worth of groceries to help them through this time.

one had what they needed. What a beautiful concept to think outside of ourselves and to help others.

#### Joe

The Redlands Police Department sent Joe over to YouthHope. Joe was homeless and was trying to get back to Florida to be with his family. He was scared and didn't have anything but an empty backpack. We were able to fill his backpack with hygiene items and snacks to help him while he was on the bus riding back to Florida.

#### Maria

Maria called us and said she got our number from online. She claimed she didn't have kids that fit our age range, and she was much too old for our programs, but she wasn't able to buy food for her family because her husband lost his job because of Covid-19. We offered to let them come down and pick up some groceries because we are all in this together and we wanted to help them!

#### **Steven**

On a good day, Steven and his family struggle to make it. Between shelters, and asking for money, they barely make it. Once Covid-19 came, they weren't even making it. They stopped by and were able to take groceries that consisted mostly of tortillas. We asked them what they were gonna make with the tortillas, they replied that their apartment complex was trading groceries to make sure every-

# Did You Know?

186 different youth attended our Skills Class in 2019. These classes teach our youth life skills that they may not have learned. Some of these skills include nutrition, relationships, supports, oral health, among others.

# A Note From the Founder



What an interesting time we are in. When I started YouthHope, a pandemic never crossed my mind as something we would encounter, but here we are!

During these uncertain times, we have seen some of the most generous acts from our community. We put out several requests and every need was met quicker and more fully than we could have imagined!

We are still fully serving our youth during this uncertain time. Our services look a little

different now because we want to keep everyone safe and healthy, but we are still serving our youth. We wouldn't be able to do this if it weren't for you all supporting us. Thank you so much for your support and for making it possible for us to continue to help our youth.

If you would like to donate, please visit www.youthhope.org and click the donate button.

We had an amazing night for A Walk in Their Shoes last

month. We had a great turn out and we were able to bring awareness to homeless youth. We are so thankful for everyone that came out and supported YouthHope. We are so thankful and hope you all had a great night!

I pray you stay well and are able to count your blessings during this time.