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Vans Shoes





#### Save the Date: YouthHope's Day in The Park Car show

September 24, 2022



Sylvan Park, Redlands, CA

We are so excited to announce YouthHope's Day in the Park happening September 24, 2022 at Sylvan Park in Redlands from 8:00am-12:00pm.

This is a free event for spectators and will feature a great car show, vendors to shop from, and an area for kids to look at special vehicles and be able to sit in them, touch them and see how they work. It will be such a fun day and we hope to see you there!

Keep your eyes open the next few months as we will be opening up registration for cars, vendors, and for volunteers.

## YouthHope's Camping Trip

We had such a great time at our youth camping trip this past month. We took our youth to Joshua Tree where they got to rock climb, hike, see Salvation Mountain, and just be kids together.

This is the second type of camping trip that we take our youth on. Each youth that came on this Joshua Tree Trip had to first go to our Regional Park camping trip. This ensures that our youth know the basics of camping before taking them somewhere more deserted.

Their next trip will be a backpacking trip and we can't wait to see their skills come to life on this trip!

# A Walk in Their Shoes Saved Me

You might remember me at the Walk in Their Shoes Dinner. I was the one who spoke about YouthHope. My voice was shaky.

I wasn't nervous to speak at the event. I wanted everyone to know about YouthHope and how its helped me and changed me.

My voice was shaky because 2 hours before the event I was in a different space. I was in my house with my mom yelling at me. She was telling me what a loser I was and how I would never amount to anything.

I was hiding in my room packing a backpack because I was going to run away. I was going to live on the streets with my boyfriend.

But then I remembered. I remembered that I promised Heidi that I would help her at the big event. As I was walking to the event, I started thinking about how I would live on the streets. I had a plan and right when I got done at the event, I would run away.

But something happened when I was standing in the room. I started hearing all of the things YouthHope had done and how they can help people.

After we were done, I ended up telling one of the Case Managers what was happening and they ended up helping me that night to find a safe place to stay. Every day since then, they've checked in on me and have made sure I'm safe and moving in the right direction.

Crazy how life works out sometimes. I'm just glad I was at the event that night. Who knows where I would be if I didn't show up.

#### Did You Know?

# There's only 0.5% beds in homeless shelters dedicated to youth.\*

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## A Note From the Founder



We had an amazing night at our Walk in Their Shoes event last month. We sold out for the first time and it was a powerful evening. Thank you to everyone who came and supported YouthHope. My favorite part is getting to talk to our youth. They are always so excited to share about YouthHope and how far they have come. I am so proud of them.

We have had a busy few months at our Drop In Center and at our second location at the local park. We've had amazing volunteers come and build us skate ramps and then threw a party to celebrate it.

We've also participated in local skate competitions, took our youth camping, and are still providing help with homework, school enrollment, medical and counseling assistance, resume writing, and job searching.

We are so excited for summer and the opportunity to spend lots of time with our youth.

We are also starting our Skills

Class back up. This is a huge opportunity for our youth to learn basic life skills that they may not have learned. Skills such as relationships, nutrition, dangers of drug use, etc. We are needing \$5 gift cards to local fast food restaurants. We give these to youth who come and participate. If you're able to donate, please email us at info@youthhope.org