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## 6th Annual Day in The Park Car Show and Family Fun Extravaganza!

YouthHope is excited to announce its 6th annual "A Day in The Park Car Show and Family Fun Extravaganza". This event will take place on Saturday September 7, 2019 at 8am at Sylvan Park in Redlands. This event will feature an exciting car show, a kid's zone filled with giant inflatable slide, game booths, and prizes for kids and families

to enjoy, as well as opportunity drawings and several local vendors. This event is a great way for our community to come and learn about YouthHope while having fun with their family.

We are still looking for additional cars to be displayed and vendors that would like to sell their items.

If you are interested in

being involved, please visit [www.youthhope.org/carshow](http://www.youthhope.org/carshow)

Every year we have more and more attendees and this year we are expecting to grow even more.

Thank you for supporting YouthHope and for Giving Where You Live!

## YouthHope Successes

We love looking back and seeing all the things our youth achieve in a year. We wanted to share some of those statistics with you!

In 2018:

- 622 month long bus passes were handed out to youth attending school
  - 166 different youth attended our YouthHope Skills Class
    - 62 youth graduated high school
  - 54 youth earned their Food Handler's Certificate
    - 60 youth received jobs
  - 911 different youth were fed a hot meal

## Sometimes Family Isn't Always Blood

I have always been told from a young age that you never turn your back on your family. That blood is thicker than water. I'm not sure why this was held so high in my family since my mom abandoned me when I was a baby.

I was raised by my grandma in another country. I liked my life with my grandma. She was kind and helpful and loving. But when I was 13, she died suddenly and I was left by myself.

I was sent to the US to be reunited with my mom since I had no one else to live with. I dreamed that meeting my mom for the first time would be magical. That she would apologize and that we would live happily ever after. But that didn't happen.

My mom had remarried and had 4 other children. I immediately became the babysitter and my mom seemed to love her other children and despise me.

I also never went to school regularly growing up. Most days I was taking care of my grandma or working, so when I moved in with my mom she enrolled me, but I was very behind. I didn't have the resources for tutoring and couldn't keep up in my classes.

I reached out to my school and counselor and they directed me to YouthHope. I decided to go the next day and sat down with Heidi to discuss my options.

She immediately called the school district to see how they could help me catch up on my missing credits.

She also helped me with housing so I could focus on schooling and stop the

mistreatment that was happening at home.

I immediately moved out of my mom's house and started school regularly with tutoring from YouthHope and assistance from the school district.

I am now on track to graduate in a few years and I can't wait.

YouthHope is now a part of my family. Their actions are more like family than my own. I can rely on them and I know they love me and will help me.

Thank you YouthHope!

### Did You Know?

The youth who live on the street, 94% of them have attempted to get off the streets by getting a job, moving in with a relative, going to a rehab facility, or moving into a shelter. Our youth want to better their circumstances!

## A Note From the Founder



It's August and we're getting ready for another school year! We have an exciting year planned with our Skills Class and our Suicide Prevention Class along with our new Art Mural Program. It's going to be a great year and I can't wait to see all that our youth accomplish.

As our youth start this school year, they need help with school supplies. We are looking for backpacks, notebooks, paper, pens, and pencils to help them get off to a great start at school.

We want to take away any barriers from our youth to make success easier for them.

If you are able to donate any of these items, please drop them off at 1175 West Redlands Blvd Monday through Thursday 8am-6pm.

We know how important education is and we strive to make sure that every youth that we are helping is enrolled in some sort of educational program to help them achieve their goals. 77% of our youth are currently enrolled

in school and we support them through school by providing tutoring, a computer lab to complete homework, giving bus passes, and talking to school counselors when necessary.

We are so excited for this school year and know our youth are going to do great things. We can't wait to see all of the success!