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## Win a Vespa and Support YouthHope!

Want to win a Vespa for a \$10 donation?

This is your chance!

We are having an opportunity drawing to win a 2016 Vespa 150s 70th Anniversary Edition.

All proceeds go to helping youth exit street life and to fund our existing programs.

Each ticket is \$10 and for every 10 tickets purchased, you get one ticket free!

Winner will be announced on September 19 at YouthHope's Car Show. You do not have to be present to win.

For more info go to  
[www.youthhope.org/vespa-fundraiser](http://www.youthhope.org/vespa-fundraiser)



## YouthHope Update

From March 16-July 23, YouthHope has done the following:

- 380 boxes of groceries to youth and to families who need food.
- 1,371 meals have been served at YouthHope to homeless youth who rely on our meals to eat.
- 3,011 meals have been handed out to youth at the local parks who are either homeless or at-risk.

## You Would Never Know

You see me all the time. When you stop by to pick up some eggs on your way home from work. When you do your weekly grocery shopping. I'm the one scanning your items, helping you find the correct aisle, and cleaning your grocery cart.

You would never know by looking or talking to me that I've also been homeless. I lived at a local park under some trees. My food came from what me and my friends could find and we slept on sleeping bags that we dug out of dumpsters.

I've never had a stable life. My parents have never been able to keep a job or a house my entire life. We have always moved from house to house, job to job.

Living this kind of life does some permanent damage to a person. Never knowing the future or having any constant, normal life has been hard.

When I turned 18, I vowed to live a better life than I was given. I went out and got my own job at a grocery store.

I've been there 2 years and every day I walk out of my shift beaming with pride. I have a place to live now, nothing big or fancy, but it's a place I can call my own.

I found out about YouthHope when they came to the park to give us food. They're different. They didn't come in asking all these questions about why we're homeless or how we were going to get out of the mess we were in. They were friendly, kind, and caring. They gave us food and then offered to help in whatever way they could.

My friend wanted to get a job so they offered to help her get her Food Handlers Certificate. The next day, she

went to the drop in center and by 3pm, she had her Certificate and was able to start looking for jobs.

I know that if I need anything, YouthHope will be there. They help in a practical way that will help my future immediately.

I can call them and they will be there to help. They are so proud of how I'm changing my future, and they believe in me.

So next time you're out shopping, remember that not everyone you meet has the same life as you and even a smile can help someone's day!

## Did You Know?

66% of our youth have siblings living on the street. The cycle of homelessness is a family issue, and continues for generations if not addressed.

## A Note From the Founder



It's back to school for our youth this month and it's unlike any other back to school season we've seen. The majority of our youth are going to have a tough year. They don't have the luxuries of having in home internet access, working computers, a support system to encourage them or to keep them accountable.

Our goal this school year is to continue to not only feed our youth and provide groceries to families, but to also be there for

our youth while they are distance learning or trying to help them find jobs during a pandemic.

A lot of our youth rely on us for basic needs, for support, and someone to encourage them and we want to help make this year great!

We are working on our fundraisers for the remainder of the year and we are excited for some creative and safe things to bring awareness to our community about YouthHope. Make

sure that you watch out for those emails as we get closer.

Are you following us on social media? Find us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/youthhoperdlands](http://www.facebook.com/youthhoperdlands)

And on Instagram @youthhope.

I hope you all enjoyed a family filled summer and are all staying safe!