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The YouthHope Post

2019 What a Year!

It has been an amazing year at YouthHope. We have seen so much growth and achievement from our youth this year.

We wanted to share some of the success we have seen this year.

We handed out over 400 bus passes. In order to get a bus pass, our youth have to show proof of school attendance each month.

327 youth utilized our computer lab. Our youth

create resumes, get their Food Handlers Certificates, apply for jobs, and complete homework in our computer lab. Without these computers, less youth would have jobs and less youth would be excelling in school.

Over 60 youth got jobs this year. We are averaging 1 1/2 jobs for our youth every week!

We served over 900 different youth. Each youth

come for a different reason, but all come for hope!

All of these successes would not be possible without your support! We rely on our supporters to keep our doors open and we are so thankful for your continued support!

We are so excited for 2020 and all that it has in store. We hope you will continue to walk with us through this journey of ending youth homelessness!

Christmas Shoes

We are 19 days away from our Christmas party and we still need over 130 pairs of shoes bought. Can you help us?

- Head over to Active Ride Shop located at 27514 Lugonia Ave. Ste A Redlands, CA 92374 and tell them you want to purchase shoes for YouthHope.
- Or stop by YouthHope and pick up a card for a specific youth and take it to Active Ride Shop.
- Or you can buy a pair of shoes on our website www.youthhope.org

The First YouthHope Christmas by Heidi Mayer

When I first started YouthHope, I never imagined some of the things I would experience. From overwhelming sadness learning about our youths past, to ecstatic joy seeing a youth who has struggled so long, finally receive their high school diploma.

I wasn't expecting such a range of emotions on our first YouthHope Christmas, but I did!

Our goal was to provide every youth with ANY shoe that they wanted. It could be any style, any brand, any color. We had 38 youth sign up for shoes that year. The staff and volunteers at YouthHope started searching high and low for these shoes. We went to every store across the Inland Empire to ensure that each youth would have their dream shoe. Somehow we were able to find every shoe!

On the day of the party, we had incredible volunteers that came and decorated the entire room. Each table was set beautifully, there was delicious food, and each of those 38 shoes were wrapped, waiting to be opened.

As the youth started to come, I felt so much joy seeing the look on their faces. They were amazed at what the community had done for them. They felt loved and cared for.

One young lady came walking in, but she didn't have the same look as the others. She looked upset and I asked her if she was ok. She said "I hate Christmas and I only came because you asked me to." My heart broke.

The rest of the night was amazing. I got to share my favorite Christmas story, we ate food, we laughed, and they got to open their shoes. The youth loved it. They all sat there and took off the shoes they were wearing and put on their new pair. They were shocked that they fit and that they were exactly what they asked for.

As everyone was leaving, I saw that young lady standing in the corner. I went

over to her worried that we had messed up her shoes. I asked if everything was ok and she gave me the biggest smile, hugged me, and said "Thank you! This is the FIRST gift I've ever received in my entire life". I was shocked! She had never received a gift. EVER!

I knew from that moment on, that every year we would hand out Christmas Shoes. Even though the shoes are expensive, we will continue to give shoes because for many of our youth, it's the only gift they receive ALL year. Maybe the only gift EVER!

Thank you for helping us give our youth HOPE!

Did You Know?

168 different youth attended our Skills Class in 2019!

A Note From the Founder



We have made it to the last month of this decade! It has been a great year at YouthHope. We have seen so much growth from our youth and so many successes! It has been a great year!

Some of the highlights from this year would be starting our Suicide Prevention Class, the growth of our Skills Class, the youth who attended and graduated from 4 year universities, and the youth who choose to wake up every day ready to do what it takes to make a better life for themselves and to break the cy-

cle of poverty and homelessness.

We are looking forward to our Christmas party this month. It is one of my favorite nights and I can't wait to celebrate with our youth. Thank you to everyone who helped us with the Christmas Shoes. Without your support, we wouldn't be able to put on this event for our youth.

I hope you enjoy this holiday season with your family. Whether you are traveling or staying home, I hope you take some time

and enjoy all the blessings that you have!

Please don't forget YouthHope for your year end giving. We are a 501(c)3 and all donations are tax deductible. We are a volunteer based organization and rely on donations to keep our doors open.

We are looking forward to 2020 and can't wait to see all that our youth accomplish!

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!