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The YouthHope Post

2020. What a year!

As May Sarton says "Life is always bringing unexpected gifts", I think as tough as 2020 has been, it's also given us some unexpected gifts.

We never could of imagined how this year would of gone. We had big plans for fundraisers, expanding programs and hours, and goals to reach more youth.

That all came to a screeching stop when COVID hit. We had to

make some tough choices quickly to keep our doors open.

That's when we started serving in 3 ways: To-go meals at YouthHope, Grocery boxes, and meals on the streets.

Ever since March, we have been serving this way and have met some incredible youth and families. We don't know when we will be able to bring our youth back into our building, but they know they can still count on us to be there for them.

Since March 16, we have served our community by providing:

- 1,099 boxes of groceries
- 2,328 to-go meals
- 6,544 meals on the streets

We know this year hasn't been easy for any of you and we are so thankful that despite hardships, you have continued to give. We wouldn't have been able to stay open this year without you!

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts! We have such an amazing community and that is such a gift to us!

Hope For A Lifetime

We are just a few weeks away from Christmas and we want to help our youth have a great Christmas! We currently have 160 youth signed up for shoes along with other needs.

Can you help?

Head to

<https://youthhope.org/hope-for-a-lifetime>

Fill out the form and use the paypal button to donate.

Thank you so much for helping our youth have a great holiday season.



A Stranger of Hope

I've been on the street my whole life. I've never had a house or an apartment. My parents are drug addicts and I was born into the mess that they created.

My parents use me to get them their drugs. They trafficked me most of my life. I've seen things that no one should have to see. People dying, gang fights, people passed out from drugs. I have so much trauma from it all and I don't know if I will every recover.

I'm 14, but I haven't been to school since the 4th grade. My parents needed me to stay with them to get them the drugs they needed.

I sleep in a ditch away from everyone else. It's the few hours I get by myself without yelling or fighting and it's the one place I feel safe.

Today, I had enough of it all. I have dreams of being a famous basketball player and I know that living like this will only end up with me dying.

I saw a car in the parking lot of one of my favorite parks and I decided to ask them for help.

They said that they would make some phone calls and after about an hour, Heidi showed up.

She sat with me on the grass and we talked about my dreams and my future. She listened to me and believed me and told me that she was going to make sure I was safe.

She made a few phone calls and before the sun set I was on my way to a safe house where they are going to let me stay until I can move into more per-

manent housing. They got me scheduled for a doctors appointment along with re-enrolling me into school.

There was no judgement, no condemnation, just love and a willingness to help.

I can see a brighter future for myself already. When I'm a professional basketball player, I'm making sure that everyone at YouthHope has a front row seat to my games!

Thank you YouthHope for being there for me!

Did You Know?

29% of our youth have family that live on the street. Homelessness is a generational problem.

A Note From the Founder



Happy Holidays! This year has been crazy, but even with the craziness, I have seen so much love and support from this community. I am so thankful for you all and the love you have for our youth.

YouthHope wouldn't have been so successful this year without the support that you have all shown. Thank you so much.

Even though our Christmas celebration will be very different this year, our youth are always thankful for all we do for them.

On a good year, our youth usually receive nothing for Christmas from their families and I'm sure this year is even harder for them and I want to make sure they feel loved and seen! If you are able, please donate to our "Hope for a Lifetime" fundraiser so we can make sure each youth receives shoes or another item they need this Christmas.

Also don't forget YouthHope when you are doing your year end donations. We are a 501(c)3 and every donation is

tax deductible. 97% of our budget goes directly to programs and helping our youth. You can donate with certainty that your donation will directly help our youth.

I hope you have a great holiday season and get to spend it with those you love.

Be safe and we will see you in 2021!