Shoes for Christmas, Hope for a Lifetime

It’s approaching Christmas and we have started our annual Christmas Shoe Drive.

Our goal every year is to bring hope and a new pair of shoes to each of our youth. For the majority of our youth, this is the only present they will receive all year!

They treasure these shoes and look forward to our Christmas party all year.

These shoes fulfill more than just a clothing need. The shoes remind our youth that they are loved, supported, and have their community cheering them on. It gives them the courage to continue fighting the cycle of homelessness and addiction.

Our youth hold onto these shoes all year long. They don’t care that the soles are wearing thin and that holes are forming where their toes are, they continue to wear them for necessity, but also as an encouragement.

There is no way we can accomplish this without your help.

Please help and purchase some shoes.

Shoes can be purchased from Active Ride Shop. We are so excited to partner with Active again and we’re so thankful for their help.

They are located at 27514 W. Lugonia Ave. Ste. A, Redlands, CA 92374. They are across from Chick-Fil-A in Citrus Plaza.

Their hours are Monday-Saturday 10am-8pm Sunday 11am-7pm

Each pair costs $55.

For more information and updates, please visit www.youthhope.org.

How to Purchase Shoes for our Shoe Drive

There are several ways to support our Christmas Shoe Drive:

- You can donate money towards the shoe drive by visiting www.youthhope.org/hope-for-a-lifetime and click the Paypal link. We will go and purchase shoes with the money we receive.

- Pick up a shoe card(s) from YouthHope that has a specific youth on it, take the card to Active Ride Shop and they will have the specific shoes for that youth.

- If you don’t have a card, you can still go to Active, tell them you want to participate in the YouthHope Shoe Drive and they will have a pair of shoes for you to purchase.
Flashlight—Author Unknown

When a flashlight grows dim or quits working. Do you just throw it away? Of course not. You change the batteries. When a person messes up or finds themselves in a dark place, do you cast them aside? Of course not! You help them change their batteries. Some need AAA...Attention, affection, and acceptance; some need C....compassion; some need D...Direction.

And if they still don’t seem to shine, simply sit with them quietly and share your light.

Did You Know?

7.9% of public school students in San Bernardino County are experiencing homelessness.


A Note From the Founder

Happy Holidays! I hope you are having a great holiday season and spending it with people you love.

We are gearing up for our annual Christmas Party for our youth and we are so excited.

This time of year is always tough for our youth. They are reminded of what they don’t have and the festivities that they don’t get to participate in because of family loss or lack of support.

This is why our Christmas Parties are so important. We want to provide a place that is safe and where the youth can just be youth for the night. They can leave their worries at the door and just enjoy celebrating the holidays.

If you are looking for a place to send in your year end donations, please remember YouthHope. We are a 501(c)3 nonprofit and all donations are tax deductible. Your donation goes straight to helping youth get off the street and become self-sufficient. Since 2009, we have averaged getting 9 youth off the street and into housing every month.

I hope you have a great holiday and a restful new years. I am so thankful for each and every one of you. We have a lot of work to do in 2023 and I can’t wait to see the impact we make.

Merry Christmas!