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Hope for a Lifetime Christmas Shoes

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!

There is no way we can accomplish this without your help. We have over 200 youth signed up for shoes. Each pair costs \$55 with no tax and a free pair of socks.

Shoes can be purchased from Active Ride Shop. We are so thankful for their continued support.

Active has moved! Their address is 221 E. State St. Redlands, CA 92373.

To purchase shoes, you can go directly to Active, ask to buy shoes for Youth-Hope and they will help you. Please deliver shoes to YouthHope by December 7.

How to Purchase Shoes

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.

The First YouthHope Christmas (By Heid Mayer)

When I started YouthHope, I never imagined some of the things I would experience. From overwhelming sadness learning about our youth's 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 in the Inland Empire to ensure that each youth would have their dream 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 youth 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 the new pair. They were shocked that they fit and that they were exactly what

they asked for. As everyone was leaving, I saw that youth standing in the corner. I went over to her worried that we had messed up her shoes. I asked her 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! 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?

YouthHope

A Note From the Founder



Happy Holidays! I hope you all had a great thanksgiving with friends and family and are enjoying the holiday season.

We are so excited for our Christmas Party that we are having for our youth. It's one of my favorite days of the year. Holidays are always so tough for our youth, either because they don't have family to celebrate the holidays with, or the holidays bring up

horrible memories.

We want to help our youth have some good memories and show them that they are loved and cared for. That is why we make sure our party every year is thoughtfully planned out.

As you are thinking about your year end giving, please consider YouthHope. We are a 501(c)3 and your donation is tax deductible.

Your donation goes directly to

helping youth get off the street, get into school, get medical and counseling help, and get into housing.

We have big plans for 2024 to help more and more youth and we can't do this vital work without your help and support.

If you are interested in volunteering and helping us at our Drop-in Center, please email info@youthhope.org