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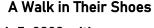
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### YouthHope's 9th Annual "A Walk in Their Shoes"

YouthHope cordially invites you to attend YouthHope's 9th Annual Benefit Dinner & evening of awareness



Thursday, March 5, 2020 with an awareness hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

\$75 per individual registration \$500 per table reservation of 8 individuals This event will take place at

**Orton Center** 

University of Redlands located at

1249 E. Colton Ave. Redlands, CA 92374
Please RSVP by February 20, 2020

To ensure your spot, please go to www.youthhope.org

Fill out the form and submit your payment through the PayPal link on the page.

We are so excited to share this powerful evening with you. If you have any questions, please email fundraiser@youthhope.org or call (909) 793-2345.

#### **Redlands Local VIP Pass**

We are so excited that this digital pass is almost here! We have partnered with over 30 local businesses to give you exclusive offers!

Stay tuned for an email with directions and a link to get this offer!

Businesses that are included in this pass are: Redlands Cryo Spa, Daryl's Pet Shop, Back Alley Coffee Shop, Flowstone Climbing, Machete Tacos, The Boulevard Barbershop, Nichos Ice Cream, Brett and Tori Photographers, The Gourmet Pizza Shoppe, Frugal Frigate, Principle Body Care, Open Door Escape Games, California Skate, Escape Craft Brewery, MyGym Redlands, Sugarbee Café, The Living Root Cellar, International Day Spa, Redlands Gymnastics Club, Cal-Air Heating and Cooling, Kith Clothing Store, Kissui Kids Clothing Store, 226 Collective, Fly Crestline, Clarkie's, Yucaipa Crossfit, Carolyn's Café, Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory, Ultimate Kickboxing and Fitness, Adventum Outfitters, Ohana Salon and Dry Bar, Bricks and Birch, and Cucas Mexican Food.

We will let you know when this will be available to purchase!

# It's Never Too Late

I grew up in a toxic environment. My parents hated each other. They had me when I was young and stayed together because they felt that would be better. It wasn't. My dad started beating my mom pretty early in my life. They had more kids and it was a nightmare every day. Fighting and hitting and yelling all day long.

From a young age I learned to stay out of my house as long as I could. I would find excuses to stay at school longer or spend the night at friends. My parents were too busy fighting to notice I was gone. Unfortunately, the people who I hung out with weren't the best examples. I found drugs when I was barely 12 years old. I used it as an escape to avoid the drama with my parents.

As I got older, the less time I would spend at home. My parents ended up getting divorced and even though it was the best thing for them, it broke me even more. I would stay out for weeks at a time. Anyone's house was better than my broken house. I got deeper and deeper into addiction until I found myself sleeping at a local park.

It's a dangerous place on the streets at night, and I learned very quickly that I needed to get my life together.

I asked one of my friends parents for help and she immediately took me to YouthHope. Everyone at YouthHope was so nice. They sat and listened to me and my problems and were ready to help with whatever I needed.

I'm now enrolled back in school, have eye glasses, and have a dentist appointment coming up.

One thing I really like about Youth-Hope is the fact that they meet you where you are at. They don't push you to do anything that you're not ready to do.

They waited until I was ready to go back to school. They waited until I wanted to go see the doctor. They listen and they respect everyone that walks through the door.

Thank you YouthHope for helping me and reminding me that it's never too late to start bettering my life.

#### Did You Know?

We had 39 youth complete their Food Handlers Certificates in 2019! Our youth are determined to better their lives.

# A Note From the Founder



We are off to a busy start in 2020. We have a lot of youth who are coming in ready for life change. They want to change the course of their life and are willing to put in the hard work needed to do it.

We are so proud of them and look forward to seeing all the successes that are going to happen this year!

We are also getting so excited for our "Walk in Their Shoes". We know this will be a powerful night for everyone that comes.

It's a great opportunity for someone to learn about Youth-Hope so we hope you will come and bring a friend or coworker who has never heard of Youth-Hope.

If you have any questions about "The Walk in Their Shoes", don't hesitate to reach out to Shawna at fundraiser@youthhope.org or call us at (909) 793-2345

Also make sure you check out the Redlands Local VIP card.

This is such a great opportunity and YouthHope gets half of all the proceeds. You get to support YouthHope while also supporting local businesses. Thank you to all the businesses that are participating. It's amazing what we can achieve as a community when we all come together for a common goal.