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The YouthHope Post

A Walk in Their Shoes

We are so excited for our Walk in the Their Shoes benefit dinner happening **Thursday, March 5, 2020** with an awareness hour at 6pm and dinner at 7pm.

This is a powerful night to hear about the history of YouthHope, why we exist, and our plan for the future.

You will hear from our youth and how Youth-Hope has been instrumental in their lives, see alarming statistics about youth homelessness in

Redlands, and ways that you can help stop this



epidemic.

There will be opportunities to support Youth-Hope through a silent auction, opportunity

baskets, and through donation cards.

The dinner will take place at **The University of Redlands, Orton Center** located at **1249 E. Colton Ave. Redlands, CA 92374**. Please RSVP by February 20, 2020.

To RSVP, visit www.youthhope.org.

Or email fundraiser@youthhope.org

A New VIP Pass Benefitting YouthHope

We are so excited for this new opportunity. We have partnered with Yucaipa Crossfit to bring you a digital savings VIP card. This digital card costs \$5 a month and gives you access to local deals with local businesses. Since this card is digital, businesses will give new and exclusive offers all the time.. There will be over 25 businesses a part of this pass.

When you purchase a card, 50% of the proceeds go to YouthHope! This is a great opportunity to support YouthHope and support local businesses. This will be rolling out February 1 so keep your eyes open for more information in the coming weeks!

Hope Reborn

My story starts long before I was born. My parents met as drug addicts and lived their entire lives being addicted. Me and my brother are twins and were born into that toxic environment and we weren't removed from the home until we were 3 years old. When the police came to remove us, we were surrounded by dirty needles, no running water, and no food. They described it as being one of the worst situations they've had to deal with.

We moved in with my grandmother. Although she was able to provide a safe, warm house, she didn't want us. She had done her job at child raising and wanted to enjoy retirement. Little did we know the pain that was coming a few short years later.

My uncle moved in with my grandmother. There was nothing that could prepare us for the monster that this man was. He abused us in any way possible. Relentless, violently, and forcibly, he took everything from us. Every instance of rape removed another piece of humanity from us.

When these allegations were made, it was all denied and we were left being called liars and story makers.

We had to make a decision to leave. Even though we had nowhere to go, we

had to turn our backs on what had happened and start a life for ourselves.

One day, the Activity Director from YouthHope came to talk to us at school. He talked about all the services that they provide and the fun, safe things to do there. I decided to go because I was desperate for help.

It changed everything.

I was given a community of people who loved and cared for me. A basketball league, housing, bus passes, school supplies, shoes, hot meals, counselors, and suicide awareness classes.

Now I have dreams for a better life. I know that I can achieve them because there are people supporting me.

Unfortunately, the same isn't true for my brother. He didn't come to YouthHope and the drugs, genetics, and trauma has left him in a mental illness that he cannot escape.

I search for him when I have a free second. I miss him and wish he could see what YouthHope can do for him.

I am so thankful for YouthHope for a hope reborn and a place where dreams can be accomplished.

Did You Know?

In 2019, we provided 9,404 services to youth!

A Note From the Founder



Happy 2020! We are so excited for this new year and new decade. We are so excited for all that our youth will accomplish this new year.

We are eager to continue to grow our programs to meet the needs of each youth.

We are looking forward to our annual Walk in Their Shoes. Take note that we are in a new location this year because we have outgrown the Mitten Building. We are so thankful to the University of Redlands for

providing a space for us to be able to continue our annual dinner.

Make sure you RSVP as soon as possible. It's going to be a great night that will educate you and teach you more about YouthHope. It's a great way to introduce someone to YouthHope. It's a night full of information and stories about our youth.

I hope you will join us this year at YouthHope as we continue

to help our youth. We can only keep our doors open with the support that you give all year.

We are so thankful and humbled at how you have sustained us for over 10 years.

I hope you had a great holiday season and that your 2020 is off to a great start.