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A Walk in Their Shoes



We are so excited for our Walk in Their Shoes benefit dinner happening **Friday, March 4, 2022** 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 17, 2022.

To RSVP, visit www.youthhope.org.

Or Email fundraiser@youthhope.org.

2021 Wrapped Up

After another tough year, we are so thankful for the progress our youth made.

- We saw 437 youth at the Drop- In Center
- Went to the local park 416 times to feed youth
 - Served over 600 youth at the local park
- 175 youth came to our 8 weeks of Skills Classes
 - Passed out 102 bus passes
- 20 youth earned their Food Handlers Certificate

A Glimmer of Hope

I don't ever remember feeling safe. From a small age, I have always had fear. My dad has been molesting me and my sister for as long as I can remember. He's a terrible man.

One day a few years ago in the middle of the night, my mom woke me and my siblings up and said that we had to go. We drove for hours and hours and ended up in California and have been here ever since. I didn't speak English and I don't have the proper paperwork to be here. But I'm safe from my dad. I know he can't get me.

I found out about YouthHope from school. They knew how behind I was and how our resources were limited. I walked in scared. My dad caused me to not trust anyone. Keep everyone at an arms length.

As I continued to show up to YouthHope, I started getting

more comfortable. Everyone was so nice. No one was pushy. They gave me the space I needed, but reassured me that they were there for me.

It took me months, but I finally got brave enough to share my story. I knew that I couldn't continue to live in fear and anxiety so I shared.

Heidi immediately asked me how YouthHope could help. She offered many resources and I decided that therapy was the best choice at the time.

They found me a therapist that specialized in trauma and I have been going for a few months now.

I feel like I can breathe a little easier now. I'm confident in myself, not as anxious, and am looking forward to the future.

YouthHope helped me find a glimmer of hope for the future. I may not know what is ahead, but I know that with the people around me, I can face whatever is in store.

Did You Know?

76% of our youth's parents work full time!

A Note From the Founder



Happy New Year! 2022 is here and I'm so excited for this year.

We had a great Christmas party with our youth and we were able to hand out over 250 pair of shoes to our youth. We handed out shoes at two different locations over 2 nights. We had delicious food, handmade blankets, handmade scarfs and beanies, along with great conversations.

After a tough year, it was great to see our youth have such a nice night opening shoes that

had been so carefully wrapped, and watch them excitedly try on their shoes. Thank you to everyone who bought a pair of shoes for our youth. For many of our youth, this is the only gift they received all year.

I am so excited for the new year. We are continuing our Skills Classes for our youth, job searching, resume writing, homework assistance. We have so many youth ready to create better futures for themselves and we will be right by them helping them along the

way.

We are so excited for our Walk in Their Shoes dinner happening in March. I hope you are all able to attend. We missed having it in person last year and we are so excited that we can hold it in person again. It will be a powerful night learning about YouthHope and homeless and at-risk youth.

Thank you for your continued support!