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The YouthHope Post

Save the Date: A Day in The Park Car Show: September 7, 2019

YouthHope is excited to announce its 6th annual "A Day in The Park Car Show and Family Fun Extravaganza". This event will take place on Saturday September 7, 2019. This event will feature an exciting car show, a kid's zone filled with giant inflatable slide, game booths, and prizes for kids and families to enjoy, as well as opportunity drawings and several local vendors. This event is a great way for our community to come and learn about YouthHope while having fun with their

family. If you have a car to show, we would love to have you join us. Pre-registered cars are \$25 and includes a t-shirt.

We are also looking for vendors that would be interested in selling food, drinks or products.. Registered vendors selling food or drink cost \$50 and merchants cost \$30. This is a great opportunity for your business to get grand exposure and sales.

Our attendance has grown each year and we are expecting a bigger crowd this

year. If you are interested in being involved, please visit www.youthhope.org/carshow

If you have questions or would like to volunteer the day of with registration, or with set up/tear down, please contact Shawna at fundraiser@youthhope.org.

100% of proceeds of this fundraiser goes towards helping our youth exit street life.

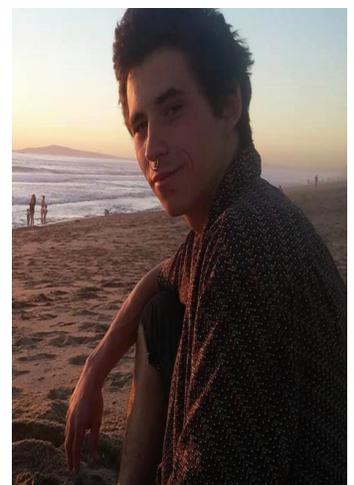
RIP Erik

On June 11, 2019, we lost one of our youth. Erik was so loved and we miss him so much.

There are so many things we loved about Erik and he was well known around YouthHope for his kindness and love. Some of our favorite qualities about Erik were how big his heart was, how

selfless he was, how he cared for others, he would take the shirt off his back to give it to others, the kindest of people, funny, and loved well.

Our youth, staff, and volunteers are absolutely devastated and we would appreciate your thoughts and prayers during this hard season. Thank you for caring for us!



Big Dreams

I'm the first. The first in my family to not become a drug addict. The first to not be homeless. The first to graduate high school. The first to attend college. The first!

It hasn't been easy and I've encountered several problems throughout the process, but I've got big dreams and I'm determined to reach those goals.

When people meet me, they wonder why graduating high school is such a big deal. Or why I don't know what it takes to be considered successful. Or why it takes me longer to finish things. I was never taught these skills. I didn't grow up with parents telling me to go to school, or to study, or to get a job. I had to figure this out all on my own.

I've never had a relationship with my mom. She left me when I was really young and I grew up with my grandpa. Although he did his best to raise me, he was a drug addict himself. I have many memories of sitting in the back seat of his car

while he did drug deals in the parking lot.

He only took me to school when it was convenient for him. He loved me, but he didn't know how to raise a child.

I was removed from his home and lived in the foster system until I turned 18. The homes I lived in were not supportive and I felt very alone.

I found YouthHope through a friend and they immediately started helping me. They got me a place to stay, they got me a bus

pass, got me re-enrolled in school, and helped me get a job.

I am now in college, living in a safe environment, learning basic life skills, and working at a job I love.

It doesn't matter where I came from, it matters where I'm going. I have big dreams and big goals. I know I can do anything with the help of the people around me.

Thank you YouthHope for helping me when no one else would.

Congrats!

2 of our board members, Donna Ferracone, Rick Ferguson, and his wife Kelly received the Hero Awards from The Mayor of Redlands. They are so deserving and we are so proud and thankful to have them here at YouthHope!

A Note From the Founder



June was a tough month for us. We will always miss Erik and miss his smiling face. We will miss his heart and how he cared for others.

Words can't express the pain that our youth, our staff, and volunteers are feeling. We will always have a missing piece at YouthHope where Erik should be. Please keep us all in your thoughts and prayers as we navigate this loss and the road to healing. We hope that through this traumatic experience, our youth will feel supported, loved,

and cared for. That has been our focus and we will continue to help our youth in any way they need.

We want to give a huge thank you to Harkins Theatres and their continued support to YouthHope. We had our Toy Story 4 fundraiser last month and it was a great success. Not only was it a fantastic deal by itself, but it was an easy, fun way to support YouthHope. Thank you to everyone who came and brought their friends and family to learn more about YouthHope.

We are now looking forward to our Car Show in September. Every year we see this fundraiser grow and it's so fun to see all the supporters along with the families that come out to enjoy a Day at The Park. We hope you will join us this year. Come and be a part of this great fundraiser. If you have any questions please reach out to Shawna at fundraiser@youthhope.org