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# The YouthHope Post

## YouthHope's Day in The Park Car Show

*YouthHope's 7th Annual*

We are so excited to announce YouthHope's

Day in the Park Car Show happening September 18, 2021 at Sylvan Park in Redlands from 8:00 am-12:00 pm.

This is a free event for spectators and will feature a great car show, vendors to shop from, and an area for kids to look at special vehicles and be able to sit in

them, touch them and see how they work.

It will be a great day and we hope to see you all there.

We weren't able to have our car show in 2020 and we are so ready to have it again!

We are looking for additional cars to be displayed at the car show and for vendors that would like to sell their items.

If you are interested in being involved in any way, visit [www.youthhope.org/day-in-the-park](http://www.youthhope.org/day-in-the-park).

We are expecting a great turn out this year!

Thank you so much for supporting YouthHope!

## Day in the Park Car Show Opportunity Baskets

We are looking for help to create opportunity baskets.

We need several baskets created! There are 2 different ways that we need help:

- 1) Go to a local business and purchase items to create an opportunity basket. Each basket has a specific theme with a few different items. One example would be a "car wash basket" by buying car wax, car soap, and a micro fiber rag.

Or

- 2) Donate money at [www.youthhope.org/donate](http://www.youthhope.org/donate) and YouthHope will go purchase the items needed. Just make a note on the donation page that the donation is for opportunity baskets!

## Renewed Hope

When I was 5, my mom was hit and killed by a drunk driver. She was my only stable guardian and my life started to unfold at that moment.

I lived with my dad for a few years, but he was an alcoholic and I got removed from his custody. My grandmother took me in after that, but couldn't care for me because of her age and her decline in health.

When I moved out at 14, I didn't have anywhere to go. A friend of mine offered her couch and I immediately accepted her offer.

I stayed there for a few months, but my friends mom was becoming tired of me being there. She started making comments about how I can't stay there forever and I need to find a place of my own soon.

After a rough night of her mom yelling at me, she told me I had to leave. I had no where to go so I went to the

local park to sleep behind some bushes. I found out about YouthHope when they came to the park so I went over and asked for food. I had mentioned that I hadn't eaten in a few days and they offered me extra food. I took as much as I could and continued to go to see them every time they came to the park. They offered me clothes, hygiene products and even resources on how to get off the street. I was so thankful. I was going to ask them for help with long term shelter, when my friend said that I

could come stay long term with her.

Although I know the hardness of life isn't over, I'm so thankful for the help that YouthHope provided in my time of need. I know that if I find myself in a tough spot again, I can reach out to youthHope for help and they will do everything in their power to help me succeed. Thank you YouthHope!

### Did You Know?

YouthHope started in 2009 by handing out peanut butter and jelly sandwiches in downtown Redlands. It's amazing how YouthHope has grown over the last 12 years!

## A Note From the Founder



I am so excited for our Day in The Park Car Show! We had to cancel it last year because of COVID, and I'm so thankful that we get to have it this year. This is such a fun day and a very easy way to invite someone who doesn't know about YouthHope. It's free for spectators and it's a great way to learn about YouthHope and the programs that we offer.

We would love some help with our opportunity baskets. This is one way that we make money

from this fundraiser and it goes directly to helping our youth.

We have been very busy at our Drop-In Center this summer. We have youth that are wanting jobs, wanting to be prepared for next school year. We have youth coming in for bus passes to get to school and work, and also youth who hang out because they spent the last year by themselves.

We are seeing more and more youth at our local park where we go twice a day. These youth

also come see us for help and we're able to guide them and help them to be successful.

Many of our youth are coming for doctor appointments, eye appointments, counseling appointments, and dental appointments. We are so grateful for all of the resources that we have so that we can help our youth with essential services.