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## A Day in the Park Car Show

*YouthHope's 7th Annual*

Our Annual Day in the Park Car Show is happening September 19, 2020!

and if you would like a t-shirt, the cost is \$25.

with set up/tear down, please contact Corinne at fundrais-er@youthhope.org.

This event will feature an exciting car show, fun for kids, vendors to shop from, as well as opportunity drawings and several local vendors.

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.

100% of proceeds of this fundraiser go towards helping our youth exit street life!

This event is a great way for our community to come learn about Youthhope while having fun with their family.

If you are interested in being involved, please visit

[www.youthhope.org/carshow](http://www.youthhope.org/carshow)

If you have a car to show, we would love to have you! All cars are FREE this year

If you have questions or would like to volunteer the day of with registration or

With the current COVID-19 pandemic, we know that plans and restrictions change daily and if need be, we will change our plans to follow the recommendations of the CDC and our local government.

## Partners of YouthHope

At YouthHope we live by the saying "It takes a village". We know that we can help our youth more by reaching out and partnering with other organizations. We wanted to highlight some of our partners each month. This month, we wanted to talk about Family Assistance Program.

Family Assistance has several programs including housing, Case Management to victims of human trafficking and sexual exploitation, providing a safe environment for community involvement and outreach, and support services for women on probation.

YouthHope partners with Family Assistance with housing. They have helped us house several of our youth who have no where to stay. They are very quick to help us and we have been able to get youth off the street and a roof over their head because of Family Assistance.

Our story this month is a story written by Family Assistance's Chief Operations Officer Kenneth Weeks and we wanted to share it because it's a beautiful story of hope as we face COVID-19.

# Unspoken Words from Kenneth Weeks

“New Normal” or “We are all in the same boat together”?

Let's begin with the first untruth... nothing was normal before COVID-19, long hours away from your family, spending too much money eating out, needing a small loan to go to Disneyland and rushing from one place to another. Nothing is normal now.

Now a second falsehood; we are not all in the same boat. We may all be in the same storm but our boats are very different. Some boats are already shipped wrecked, some are safely harbored and a many are headlong into the storm. Some boats may be nice and dry, some boats may be bailing water and a few may be frantically patching their bows. Some boats can carry family and friends, some boats can carry two passengers and many are sailing alone. We are all experiencing this storm from a different angle at a different force and under different conditions. It's the same storm but it feels very, very, very different.

Some families received a stimulus check and are feeling grateful, some families did not and are feeling perplexed. Some are enjoying self-quarantine and a chance to disconnect, some are quarantined in fear and desperate to connect. Some are living in the very home they started from and some have been torn

from their home. Some always had a home to go to some never did. Some have faith and believe their lives will be turned upright in the end and some have lost more than their faith can bare and are turned upside-down.

Some can see from the crest of the wave, the horizon and a soft-landing spot ahead, some are still being tossed around violently with only a view of the jagged rocks below. Some are enjoying an increase of pay from the government funding while some have just had funding cut and lost a job. Some are caught in the nightmare of a loved one touched by COVID-19 disease and some are untouched merrily floating down the stream of dreams. Some are in the isolation of loneliness while some are enjoying the alone time of isolation. Some are

calling out for more of the same while some are angrily demanding to just get out.

The new normal should look less like some Hollywood rock super TV Internet YouTube Twitter star telling me I was in the same boat as them and more like the people in the surrounding storm reaching out to those that are drifting way further and further out to sea.

The new normal might look more like this; with unspoken words. When someone is suffering, being there, standing with the weak, sitting with the broken hearted, caring. The gift of our time and presence, bringing health to the heart, strength to the tired and empowering the weak. Any chance we could just call this normal?

## Did You Know?

In the month of May, we served in the following areas:

- boxes of groceries
- To-Go Meals from our Drop-In Center
- Meals to youth on the street

## A Note From the Founder



2 1/2 months into the COVID-19 pandemic, and we have found a routine to continue to serve our youth and our community.

Our main focus during the week is to get food to those who need it most. We have formed some great relationships with families from the community as well as continue to help our most at-risk youth. Without your generosity of providing food each week, we wouldn't be able to help every-

one who comes to see us. Thank you so much for caring for our community during these uncertain times.

We are so excited for our YouthHope Car Show that will be happening September 19, 2020.

This year we are offering free registration for cars! We're so thankful for the support over the years from them and we wanted to say thank you this year!

We are looking for vendors who

want to come and sell food, drinks, or goods. This is a great way to get your name out there and meet some great people who love to support small businesses.

I hope you are able to join us this year!

We will follow any CDC recommendations so if this event needs to be modified or rescheduled, we will keep you up to date! Check our website for all updated information.