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Save the Date: A Walk in Their Shoes May 13th, 2021



Join us for a night of awareness from your home! We are partnering with a local professional videography company in Redlands, 226 Collective, to create a heartfelt video to raise funds for our youth and bring awareness to our youth's stories. This online event will be held on Thursday, May 13th, and will include two actresses sharing our youth's personal

stories, a musical performance of our YouthHope song, testimonies from our youth, and a special message from our Executive Director, Heidi Mayer. We are so excited to share our video with all of our community and supporters. More info to come!

2021 Update

So far, in 2021:

- 261 boxes of groceries were handed out to youth and families in our community in need.
- 366 to-go meals were handed out at our Drop-In Center to hungry youth
- 1.940 meals were handed out at local parks to youth

The Only Meal – From a YouthHope Employee

Working at YouthHope allows me to see a variety of different people and different personalities. I get to meet and hang out with many vibrant youth who are determined to reach their dreams despite the unending challenges.

Since we've been consistently going to the park for about a year now, the kids know our car and come right over when they see us park. They line up to get a meal and water and then sit down to enjoy their food. We get to talk to them and listen to their stories, hear about their day, laugh at their jokes, and even skate with them.

As the youth finish their meals and continue skating or head home, there are a few youth who always stay back to talk to us. They tell us how this is the only meal they've had all day and how they haven't had any water.

It shocked me how many of our youth rely on us to keep our word. To know that if we don't show up at the park, they

don't get a meal that day. They trust us and we at YouthHope don't take that lightly. We want them to know that we are reliable and we are trustworthy.

Ever since I knew about many of the youth only getting our meal during the day, I always make sure we have leftovers to send home with them. I help them wrap it up and put it in their backpacks so they can discreetly take home food without being embarrassed. No one should go to bed hungry and I'm glad our youth felt safe enough to reach out for help.

My hope is that they continue to trust us and we can help them with other needs like Food Handlers Certificates, job searching, school help, and medical help.

The youth continue to teach me so much about life and I hope that as I continue to show up for them, that they will continue to show up for themselves and push towards their goals even when life seems to be against them.

Did You Know?

The majority of youth who visit us for the first time is for transportation to school and to get assistance with getting a job!

A Note From the Founder



We are so excited for our virtual Walk in Their Shoes. Although we wish we could meet in person, we are so thankful that we are able to put on this type of fundraiser. A huge thank you to 226 Collective for helping make this a reality. Without their help, we wouldn't be able to put this fundraiser on!

I hope you are all able to join us from the comfort of your home. We have very eye opening stories to share with you. This fundraiser will be one of a kind and you will hear stats from how

COVID has made youth homelessness worse. It will be a very special night and I can't wait to share it with you all.

We are staying busy over here with serving over 80 youth a day! We see so many youth at the local parks that need help, and they have come to trust us to be there twice a day Monday-Thursday to give them food and to help with whatever problem they may be facing.

Hearing from the youth that they only eat when they come to the park really affected me. We have

youth starving out here in our community. I'm glad they can trust us to be there for them and they know we will help them with food anytime they need it.

We are so thankful for all of you and the continued support we receive. I know that whenever a need arises, I can reach out to our faithful supporters to help. I am always overwhelmed with the generosity we receive. Thank you so much!