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## Our Top 2022 Donors

We are so thankful for every single donation that we receive. It is how we keep our doors open and how we have been able to serve our youth for the past 14 years! We want to highlight our top donors from 2022. We don't take for granted these donors and how they believe in YouthHope!

**Lossett Family Foundation** **David & Cindy Raff**

**Chris & Pam Martin**



**The Brett Wheeler Safety Net**

## Statistics on our Youth

When people first learn about YouthHope, one of the first questions they ask is what type of youth we serve. What causes someone to need our services. While all of our youth are unique and each one has unique needs, it can be helpful to see what our youth go through. The following stats can give you a glimpse into who we serve.

- 64% of our youth have experienced abuse. Mental, physical, sexual, or emotional.
  - 60% of our youth suffer from mental illness.
  - 40% of our youth have experienced homelessness.
    - 18% of our youth have been in foster care.
  - 62% of our youth have family members that do drugs.

## A Home For Me

I've never had a home. Sure I've lived in houses before, but never a home. My whole life I've jumped from house to house, couch to couch, motel to motel. Never staying in one place long enough to meet the neighbors.

I guess that's what happens when you have an unstable parent who chooses drugs over their family.

As I got older, I took on many of the same characteristics. They say the apple doesn't fall far from the tree right?

I found myself in unsafe situations, moving drugs for cash. Its all I was taught and it was all I knew.

I found out about YouthHope through living on the streets. I started going for the free food. I knew I could get a hot

meal from them 4 days a week.

When Heidi learned about my situation, she told me that I needed a real job and stable housing.

She helped me right away and in the years that I have known her she has gotten me into every type of housing. Rehab, long term housing, a tent, back with my family, etc.

Nothing ever really stuck because I wasn't ready to make the necessary changes.

This year that changed. I decided that I want to do better. I came in and told Heidi and she suggested that I sign up to get into the new hotel project in Redlands. I signed up and got accepted. I just moved in and I feel so good having a place to call home. My home. For the first time in a long time, I feel like I'm on the right path. Thank you Youth-Hope!

### Did You Know?

80% of our youth's parents work full time. They are trying to provide a stable life for their kids.

## A Note From the Founder



Our Walk in Their Shoes is this month and we are so excited. It's going to be a great night and I can't wait to see everyone there and share all about YouthHope.

Our youth have been so busy this year with school and jobs. We are so proud of them and feel so thankful that they trust us to help them with such huge parts of their life.

We also have been very busy helping youth into housing.

Each youth has different needs. Some need to be relocated with family, some need to go to rehab, some need to move in with friends, and some need temporary shelters to help them.

We are so thankful for the numerous collaborations that we have with different agencies in the area to help us whenever we have a youth needing housing.

Since there are so many dif-

ferent needs, all different types of nonprofits are needed to make sure every person is able to find housing that fits them.

I can't wait to see you all at the Walk in Their Shoes this month. If you weren't able to get tickets and are interested in learning more about YouthHope and youth homelessness, please reach out at [info@youthhope.org](mailto:info@youthhope.org).