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## Walk in Their Shoes

YouthHope invites you to our 13th annual benefit dinner and evening of awareness and Open House.

Thursday May 16, 2024

YouthHope Drop-In Center

1175 W. Redlands Blvd. Redlands, CA 92373

Awareness Hour: 5:30pm

Dinner and Program: 6:30pm

Sign up at [www.youthhope.org/walk-in-their-shoes](http://www.youthhope.org/walk-in-their-shoes)

## Current Needs

We are looking for donations for our Food Pantry. We hand out over 60 boxes of groceries each month to youth and to families in our community. If you are able to help fill our shelves, please drop off food donations, Monday-Thursday 9am-5:00pm. Our address is 1175 W. Redlands Blvd. Redlands, CA 92373 (please don't mail things to this address). Our mailing address is PO Box 7803 Redlands, CA 92375. Below is a list of our most needed foods, but all pantry food items are accepted.

- Spaghetti
- Spaghetti Sauces
  - Cereal
  - Granola Bars
- Individually wrapped snacks
  - Dairy Items
  - Meat
  - Canned Goods
- Macaroni and Cheese Boxes
  - Peanut Butter/Jelly
  - Pancake Mix
  - Dried Beans
  - Crackers

## Success is Different to Everyone

I've never really had a stable living situation the majority of my life. I was always moving from house to house with my mom. I would sleep on the floor, on a couch, on a blow up mattress, anywhere that could fit me.

When I turned 18, I had enough. The trauma of not having a safe, permanent house left me wanting to go find my own safe place.

When I left home, I was homeless. I ended up with the wrong crowd and found myself doing drugs, fighting, and getting arrested.

I found YouthHope early on in my street life. Most days, if you walked into the Drop In Center, you could find me there.

Over the years, YouthHope helped me whenever I came

to them. They never judged me.

When I turned 23 I decided I was done with the up and down of this life. I sat down with Heidi and really expressed my desire to start having a stable life.

She told me about the homeless hotel that the City of Redlands had built. It was exactly what I needed. She set up an appointment and I was able to sign up and get approved very quickly.

Its been over a year since I moved in and I am still so happy with my decision. I know I wont be here forever, but to have a place of my own that is stable is something that I have wanted and needed for so long.

I have a long ways to go in all areas of my life, but I count this as a huge success in my life.

Thank you YouthHope and City of Redlands!

### Did You Know?

YouthHope has served over 5,100 different youth since 2009.

## A Note From the Founder



We are busy over here getting ready for our Walk in Their Shoes that is happening at our Drop In Center on May 16. This year is going to be extra special because we are having our annual dinner at our Drop-In Center. This allows everyone to come and see where we help our youth. Many of you have been to our Walk in Their Shoes dinner several years in a row and have heard the stories, and now we are so excited to

show you where it all happens.

We have a lot of really special things that will happen that night and you don't want to miss it. Make sure you sign up soon as space is limited.

We are also still in need of pantry food items for our grocery boxes that we hand out. We give out about 60 boxes of groceries each month and each box is filled with nutritious items that youth and

families can use wherever they're living.

We are open Monday-Thursday 9am-5:00 pm for drop offs of food.

Thank you so much for continuing to allow us to help the community.

We are so blessed by each and every one of you!

Thank you!