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A Day at YouthHope During Covid-19

Our days at YouthHope look a little different these days during the current global pandemic. Even though our services look different, we are still serving our youth and our community's most vulnerable.

First thing in the morning:

- We set out food for the day for our youth. This includes sandwiches, snacks, and any other food items that have been donated to us.
- We then pack boxes of groceries for families who need groceries. There's no requirements to receive groceries. Any age, any family or individual can come get food
- As youth come and get food, we meet them outside 6+ feet apart from each other
 to check in on them. Our youth are scared, many have nowhere to go and seeing a
 familiar face is comforting for them. It also gives us a chance to make sure they
 don't have any immediate needs and provide help when needed.
- Twice a day, one of our staff members goes to the local parks with food to pass out to our youth who are homeless or cant make it down to our Drop In Center.
 Our youth need this food and are so thankful for food they can rely on.
- We continually refill the food throughout the day to make sure there is plenty for any youth who comes by.
- We wear masks and gloves and sanitize everything that comes through our doors.

A Glimpse Of Kindness

We have been shown over and over how kind our community is and how they rush to help us whenever we need something. Here's a small glimpse into what has been donated in the last month.



Those Most Affected By COVID-19

When COVD-19 started, we anticipated how hard this would be for our youth. We knew that they would be scared and would need us to continue to serve them food, be available to talk, and provide services. We were fully prepared with how we were going to handle each of our youth.

What we weren't expecting were the immense amount of families that would need assistance. These haven't been the typical families that you would expect either. The families who have needed assistance are families who own nice cars, who have nice houses, and kids in club sports, and where both parents have great jobs. But COVID. Covid-19 has brought lives to a screeching halt.

Many families don't have an income, don't have money to go grocery shopping and are now stressing out about how they are going to feed their families.

When we started getting the phone calls, we knew we had to help. We quickly started putting boxes of groceries together to help.

We've been able to continue to serve the families along with our youth for the entire month of April.

Many of the families can't afford gas to come pick up the groceries, so we pack up boxes and drop off the food at their doorsteps.

Being able to take away the additional stress of providing groceries has allowed so many families to focus on other areas of their lives during this uncertain time.

You might be reading this and can relate to the stress of not knowing how you're going to feed your family

tonight or tomorrow. Please reach out to us and we would love to give you some groceries. We have been blessed by our community with an abundance of food and would love to help families in need.

Please call (909) 793-2345. We're in the office Monday-Thursday 8am-5pm.

Did You Know?

We are still serving 40 meals a day during COVID-19. Our youth are still here, still needing help, still hungry!

A Note From the Founder



We're still here serving our youth. It definitely looked different this past month and as hard as its been, I'm thankful we're still able to help everyone that comes to our door in any way we can. Without your support during these tough times, we wouldn't be able to continue feeding our youth.

This is an exceptionally scary time for our at-risk and homeless youth. Many of our youth don't have a safe place to shelter in, are more highly exposed to viruses and diseases, and they don't have access to reputable news sources to know what precautions to take. They rely on us to provide those things to them and give them guidance on how to stay safe during this time.

As we move forward into May where we hope to see progress in the containment of this virus, we are asking for your continued support. We run solely on private donors, grants, and fundraisers. If you would like to donate, please visit

www.youthhope.org/donate

I hope you and your family are safe and are getting through this! We are looking forward to the day we can fill our Drop-In Center again with youth and volunteers. It will be a great day!

Please follow us on social media to keep up to date with what we are doing and how you can help. Instagram: @youthhope and facebook:

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