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## A Walk in Their Shoes May 13th, 2021



Join us for a night of awareness from your home!

We will be hosting a live watch party on May 13, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

This means that we will all be watching at the same time!

Although we wish that we could all be together for this event, we know that this is the best option for this year.

It will be a great night to hear about our program, hear stories of our youth, how we have coped and changed because of COVID, and our plans for moving forward. Invite your friends and family for a great night!

### How to Watch "A Walk in Their Shoes"

- Go to [www.youthhope.org/walk-in-their-shoes](http://www.youthhope.org/walk-in-their-shoes) Right before 6:30 pm on May 13, 2021.
  - Click the "watch now" button
- This will open a new tab that will take you to YouthHope's YouTube.
  - The video will be available to watch at 6:30 pm.
  - If you are having trouble, call (909) 793-2345

## Bell's Story From A Walk in Their Shoes 2020

There was never enough money in my house. Never enough food. Never a safe place. In between staying with people, we slept in hotels, and in our car. Ya, all 8 of us in a little old beat up car. In the summer it was too hot for us to sleep so close together so we would sleep outside, on the ground, on the hood, I didn't like the bugs crawling on me so my favorite spot was in the trunk of the car. I would leave the trunk open a little and put all of our clothes on top so it made a pretty soft bed and I could stretch my legs and even though it smelled a little like gasoline, I imagined that was what it might feel like to have my own bed in my very own room. The winter was more difficult. You can't hide from the cold, or the smell, or the constant cramping that came from staying in the same position so you didn't bother anybody else. We

never wanted to argue or fight or do anything that would wake up my dad, no one wanted him to get angry. One day we were at the park and these two people showed up with some snacks and told us about a place where we could go get clothes and a hot meal. That's when we learned about YouthHope.

We shared about our struggles and the staff at YouthHope took immediate action to help us. They helped my

sister get her GED, they helped me get a bus pass and get back into school, and they got us all into safe housing so we didn't have to sleep in such an unsafe place.

My parents are in prison now. I don't want to think about what would of happened if we didn't find YouthHope. We would probably be in a really bad place.

### Did You Know?

We have reopened our Drop-In Center! We are so excited to see our youth again and be able to help them! We are still serving youth at the local park twice a day as well!

## A Note From the Founder



A Walk in Their Shoes Fundraiser is this month and I'm so excited. It's going to be a great night and I really hope you all can join me.

It's a free event so make sure you invite all of your friends and family.

If you have any questions leading up to the night, please call us at (909) 793-2345 or email us at [fundraiser@youthhope.org](mailto:fundraiser@youthhope.org). We want to make sure everyone is comfortable getting onto the website and watching the video

so please reach out if you need help.

I also want to say thank you again to 226 Collective who filmed and edited the entire Walk in Their Shoes. They are an amazing professional photography and videography team in Redlands. This fundraiser would not be happening without their help and their generosity to help us.

We reopened our Drop In Center last month as the local high schools reopened. We are so happy that we are able to see

our youth again and help them at our center. We are seeing a lot of broken youth who have struggled immensely last year. It breaks my heart to hear how hard their lives have been on top of enduring a pandemic.

We have a lot of work to do to help our youth. Thank you for your continued support as we provide essential services to our youth!