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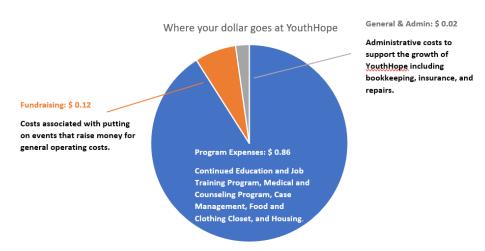


Vans Shoes



#### **Where Your Money Goes When You Donate**

We take donations at YouthHope very serious. When you trust us with your money, we want to make sure we help as many youth as possible. For every dollar that you give, you can see where it goes/



# **Meet Our Supporters**

We are so excited to highlight our supporter this month, Chris Martin. Chris is a huge part of Redlands and we are so lucky to have him on our Board, a weekly volunteer, and a supporter, among other things.

Chris first heard about YouthHope back when YouthHope was just getting started. He heard Heidi speak and later met up with her because he saw the need and the importance of a nonprofit that helps homeless and at-risk youth.

Chris wanted to be involved with YouthHope because he knew these youth who at no fault of their own, were at-risk and/or homeless. He knew that if there were, people that would help and mentor and teach these youth, they could succeed and become self-sufficient. He saw the potential and wanted to support it.

YouthHope stands out to Chris because we've been around for 15 years. He sees the results of what we do every day. He also knows that the funds that are donated go directly to the programs. The overhead to run YouthHope is low and he can trust his funds are going to help youth.

If someone is thinking about supporting YouthHope, he would tell them that YouthHope has the resources to help our youth in any way they may need. We don't just help in one area and if we have community partnerships so any youth can get the help they need.

Thank you so much Chris for your years of dedication to YouthHope. We are so thankful and YouthHope wouldn't be what it is without you!

# **A Place of Hope**

Me and my sister live in a shed in a friends backyard.

We were kicked out of our house when I turned 18 and had no where to go. We convinced our friend to let us stay in his shed out back.

This shed isn't fixed up.
There's no running water, no bathroom, and no real bed.

It has yard tools in it and one air mattress. That's where we sleep.

I couldn't tell you the last time I took a shower, or the last time I didn't have critters climbing on me when I slept.

It's obviously not the best place to be, but I don't know if I'm ready to move forward. This shed has become a place for me where no one will bother us.

My friends parents told me about YouthHope and told us to check it out.

We went to YouthHope and immediately felt welcome. We were offered everything we could possibly need: food, clothing, a safe place to hang out and all of that was offered before they even knew anything about us.

They also offered to help with housing, education, and jobs, but right now we are still in the beginning stages of knowing what we want to do with our future. We are still dealing with the fallout of being kicked out.

We need a place to collect our thoughts, think about our dreams, and YouthHope provides that without judgement.

At this point, I know that when I'm ready to move forward, YouthHope will jump in and help. They will provide the resources and get us connected to the right place for us.

### Did You Know?

56% of our youth suffer from a mental illness.

## **A Note From the Founder**



Our Walk in Their Shoes Dinner is this month and I am so excited. I can't wait to see you all there and experience our first event dinner at our Drop In Center. It is going to be extra special because you will get to see first hand where we help our youth and see where their safe space is.

We are also gearing up for a fun summer with our youth. We are having a big end of school party this month. It's going to be a great event to celebrate our youth.

If you are looking for something to do this summer, we are still looking for weekly volunteers to come hang out with our youth, help serve food, assist with resume writing, and being a safe place for our youth.

If you are interested in that, please email info@youthhope.org and we will get you the volunteer application.

I hope as summer approaches, you get to spend the warmer months with the people you love. Thank you for being a constant support for our youth through volunteering, donating, and spreading the word about YouthHope.

What a blessing to be in a community where helping others is a priority.