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# The YouthHope Post

## Hope for a Lifetime



Can you believe it? We're getting ready for the holidays over here at YouthHope and it will look much different this year.

We're taking our annual shoe drive and mixing it up this year.

With COVID-19 restrictions still in place, we don't want to encourage people to go to crowded stores to purchase shoes. We also know that our youth have more needs this year because of the pandemic and the lack of

resources. We are asking our community to donate the price of a pair of shoes, or more and choose where you can help a youth this holiday season.

Our youth are struggling in these areas:

**Continued Education & Job Training:** Our youth need help getting jobs, access to reliable technology for distance learning, and help with resumes and Food Handlers Certificates.

**Food & Clothing Closet:** Our youth are in need of clothing, shoes, hot food, and groceries to take home.

**Medical & Counseling Services:** Our youth need help getting health insurance, going to the

dentist, doctor, and addressing mental health illness.

**Housing:** Our Boys and Girls Houses have monthly expenses including rent and utilities. We offer our youth a lower price of living so that obstacle is taken away and they can focus on excelling in school and work and becoming self sufficient.

Fill out the form and use the paypal link at

[www.youthhope.org/hope-for-a-lifetime](http://www.youthhope.org/hope-for-a-lifetime)

Or mail check to PO Box 7803 Redlands, CA 92375



## Lets Get Active!



With National Homeless Youth Awareness Month approaching in November, we will be hosting our "Let's Get Active" for YouthHope challenge to raise funds for our youth and our four core programs. Because we cannot meet in person to host this type of event, we are asking our participants to set a goal to bike, run, walk, or swim a certain distance on their own on the weekend of October 31<sup>st</sup>/ November 1<sup>st</sup>. For \$35, participants will receive a t-shirt and are encouraged to share their training journey leading up to that weekend with us via Instagram and Facebook by using #hopetogether and tagging @youthhope.

On the weekend of October 31<sup>st</sup>/November 1<sup>st</sup>, all participants will run, walk, bike, or swim their goal distance apart, but united together in hope.

To sign up, visit [www.youthhope.org/lets-get-active](http://www.youthhope.org/lets-get-active)

## 5 Kids and No Job

COVID-19 has been so hard on my family. Me and my husband both lost our jobs back in March and have been unable to find work since then. I've been forced to stay at home while my kids do school and my husband goes out most days to try to find a job.

Living in a tiny apartment has also been so hard on us. No where for the kids to go and stuck inside most days.

We found out about YouthHope from my sons friend. He told us that they might be able to help us while we are in this tough spot.

My son and his friend skateboarded down to YouthHope one day and was so relieved when they offered them food and clothes and shoes. I have not been able to provide new clothes or shoes for my kids this

fall and just putting food on the table has been a struggle.

The next day, me and my husband brought the rest of my family down and YouthHope provided us with shoes, clothes, a hot meal, and also boxes of groceries for us to take home.

We were invited to come back anytime we needed anything and even let my kids skateboard outside for a while. It was like a breath of fresh air.

I left with tears in my eyes knowing that there are people out there who want to help us.

I know that we won't always be in this position and one day we will be able to provide new clothes for my kids again, but it's nice to have people care for us while we're in this in between period of our lives.

We aren't youth, but YouthHope still took care of all of us! We are so thankful!

### Did You Know?

Since March 16, YouthHope has served:

- 4,065 meals on the streets
- 1,659 to-go meals
- 563 boxes of groceries

## A Note From the Founder



We had a great time with our Vespa fundraiser last month! Thank you so much to everyone that participated.

I hope you are prepping for our "Lets Get Active" Fundraiser. We have a month left and I'm excited to see you guys reach your fitness goals. If you haven't signed up yet, please visit [www.youthhope.org](http://www.youthhope.org) and get signed up! It's a great way to support YouthHope while also getting to push yourself to achieve some big goals! Make

sure to tag YouthHope in your training posts on social media and also on race day! We want to cheer you on!

I'm so excited for our revised Christmas Shoe Drive. Since we haven't been able to see our youth at the Drop-In Center, we have been bringing food to our youth on the streets and I am seeing firsthand the environment that these youth are living in. It made me even more passionate about why we need to provide more for our youth through our programs. Our

youth are living in terrible circumstances and we want to help in any way that they may need it. It's been a hard year for everyone, and I hope we can all join together and bring some hope to our youth this Christmas.

Thank you for your continued support. We wouldn't be here without all of you!