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We had a great time at our Annual Day in The Park Car Show! It was a full day filled with amazing vendors, incredible cars, and great company!

It's amazing to see the community come together, support YouthHope, and just enjoy each other's company.

Thank you to everyone who came out, supported, and helped us. We are so excited for next year and hope you will join us again!

# I'm Ready

All I've known is street life. I've never had a family to rely on and I've never had a safe place to stay.

I'm done with this street life. I want more for myself. I started by trying to get a job on my own. The problem is that I have never been taught how to do any of those things. I don't know how to get job, what to say in an interview, what I need to bring to a job. So I always get rejected. I never land the job.

I've known about YouthHope for years. I've gotten food from them, but have never really taken advantage of the resources they offer.

I ended up going in to Youth-Hope last week. I was hungry and wanted food, but when I showed up and they were asking me how they could help, I ended up telling them how I want a job. I want to get off the streets and live a normal life.

They immediately got me set up to take my Food Handlers Test. Within 2 hours, I had the certificate in my hand ready to go find a job. They helped me with the logistics of how to fill out applications, and even let me pick out some interview clothes that would help me look more professional.

I walked out of YouthHope feeling like a new person. One small success of being able to obtain my Food Handlers Certificate gave me the confidence I need to go and apply for jobs.

I know I can do this and I know I have a support system behind me at YouthHope.

Thank you YouthHope for being there for me!

### Did You Know?

20% of our youth are in Foster Care.

# A Note From the Founder



What a fun day we had at the Car Show this past month. I felt the support of the community the whole day. I enjoyed catching up with so many of you.

I am so proud of our youth. We have had many youth taking their Food Handlers Course and test to earn their Food Handlers Certificate. This is important because it allows our youth to walk into job interviews with everything

they need to start a food/restaurant job that day. It removes that obstacle and provides a better opportunity for them to get a job. We offer these courses and the test for free for our youth and we are so happy that they are using this resource.

I can't believe we are entering the fall season. Our big focus this time of year is our Christmas Shoe Drive that we will be starting next month. I hope you will be able to help us provide new shoes for every youth. It's one of my favorite things we do every year and I know our youth are going to love it.

We are still looking for volunteers to come and work with our youth throughout the week. If you are interested, please email

info@youthhope.org.