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## YouthHope's Day in The Park Car Show

We are so excited to announce Youth-Hope's Day in the Park them and see how Car Show happening September 18, 2021 at Sylvan Park in Redlands from 8:00 am-12:00 pm.

This is a free event for spectators and will feature a great car show, vendors to shop from, and an area for kids to look at special

vehicles and be able to sit in them, touch they work.

It will be a great day and we hope to see you all there.

We are still looking for additional cars to be displayed at the car show and for vendors that would like to sell their items.

If you are interested in being involved in any way, visit www.youthhope.org/ day-in-the-park.

We are expecting a great turn out this year!

Thank you so much for supporting Youth-Hope!

## **Opportunity Basket Donations**

We live in such an amazing city that has small businesses that continually donate to YouthHope. They have donated items for our Car Show Silent Auction so be sure to come check it out on Sept. 18!

Dirtbag Intanity Nicho's Ice Cream 123 Farms The Gourmet Pizza Shoppe **PAWs** Cookie Corner Saverino's

Mobile Woodfire Pizza Redlands Country Club

Jacks Toy Shop Citrograph

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# A Hand to Help

I grew up with an abusive father. He didn't love me and he loved blaming me for everything that went wrong. He would hit me and yell at me and drink all day long.

I ended up running away when I was 15. I made my way out to California because I was hoping for a better life. Unfortunately, a 15 year on the street isn't the best or safest place to be.

I found a shelter to stay at until I could figure out my next move.

This shelter told me about YouthHope and how they serve food at the local park twice a day and all the programs they offer.

I decided to go down to the park to see the people from YouthHope. When I got there, I was amazed at the amount of food they brought. I got in line and grabbed as much as I could.

I took it to the other side of the park and ate it as fast as I could.

I went back for seconds but was scared they would get mad so I told them it was for my sister.

They happily let me grab as much food as I wanted. I walked back over to where I ate and ate all the food. I felt super guilty and ended up going over and telling them the truth. Once I told them, they grabbed my hand and said "You can come back as many times as you want for as much food as you want". I

felt a wave of relief come over me because I was expecting them to kick me out and not serve me again.

Since that incident, I have been coming back every day to get food. It's the first step I need to get my life on track. They are also helping with job prospects and getting back into school.

Food seems like a small gesture, but it is what has given me the hope that I will be ok and overcome my challenges!

## Did You Know?

YouthHope's Skills Class has taught 478 different youth since we started our classes in 2016! We are so excited to be offering our classes again starting this month!

## A Note From the Founder



I am so excited for our Car Show at Sylvan Park in Redlands this month. It's been so great seeing all of the local businesses come together to support YouthHope.

It will be such a great day at our Car Show and I hope you all can join us. It's free for spectators with opportunities to bid on our silent auction, purchase products from our vendors, and support YouthHope.

Our youth are getting in a good routine for school. Most of our

youth are so thankful to be back in school full time. We have youth coming in for help with homework and youth wanting to get jobs.

We are also starting our Skills Class back up this month! We are so excited! This class teaches our youth basic skills that they were not taught growing up. Some of these skills include nutrition, risks of drug use, relationships, finances, etc.

When each youth finish 8

weeks of the Skills Class they receive credits at their local high school. So not only are they learning new skills, but they are also getting the necessary credits in order to graduate on time!

So many exciting things happening here at Youth-Hope and we are so thankful for the continued support that we receive because without you, there wouldn't be any Youth-Hope! Thank you!