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Vans Shoes





Our Day in the Park is this month, September 23! The event starts at 8am at Sylvan Park and you are not going to want to miss it!

We have amazing cars and some great vendors that will be there. It will be a such a fun day and huge way to support YouthHope.

We still have room for last minute cars or vendors. This is a great opportunity to show your car or to expand your business by being a sponsor. You can sign up at www.youthhope.org/day-in-the-park.

This event is free for spectators with opportunities to support Youth-Hope through silent auctions, opportunity baskets, and a 50/50 drawing.

There will be also be delicious food vendors there with food that will be available for purchase.

If you have any questions, email fundraiser@youthhope.org

## Still a Work in Progress

My parents have been drug addicts their whole lives. When I was born, I lived in a drug house.

My parents started giving me drugs at 8 years old. I don't understand why they would do it. They knew how addictive drugs were to them, so why would they knowingly give them to me at such a young age?

I'm 18 now and addicted to every drug you can imagine. I also developed seizures as a teenager. I have a trained dog that will help me when I have seizures and will make me sit down when I'm about to have one.

My dad passed away earlier this year and I haven't seen my mom in years. I have been couch surfing since my dad died and this morning I got kicked out of my friends house. I was walking down the street and my dog alerted me that I was going to have a seizure. I sat down on a lawn and had a seizure. After I came to, a woman was standing beside me asking if I was ok.

I told her that I'm scared I'm going to die. I don't want to end up like my dad and I need help.

She called YouthHope and brought me to see Heidi.

When I walked in, I was greeted with warm smiles, food, and caring people.

I told them that I need help and I'm ready for rehab. They believed me and immediately got me into a rehab.

They drove me to a rehab, made sure I got everything set up and gave me a hug.

5 hours ago, I didn't know these people, and now they are my biggest cheerleaders. I'm so thankful!

## Did You Know?

In 2021, the U.S. had one death by suicide about every 11 minutes.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration

## A Note From the Founder



We are finishing up the preparation for our Day in The Park and we know it's going to be such a fun day. One reason I love this fundraiser is because it's for the whole family! There will be something for everyone.

It's also a fundraiser where I get to talk to a lot of people and I love hearing your stories and catching up with long time supporters. It will be a great day so make sure you

are there September 23rd at Sylvan Park!

We are still in need of nonperishable food items for our food pantry. We hand out multiple boxes of food every day for our youth and for people in need in the community. We would be so grateful for any donations of food that you can bring to our Drop-in Center Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm. Some of the items that we really need are cereals, spaghetti and sauce, mac and cheese, snack items, and canned goods.

Thank you so much for always supporting Youth-Hope. The amount of people that help us on a daily basis is incredible and we wouldn't be able to do what we do without every single one of you.

Thank you!