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What Youth Are Looking For When They Come to YouthHope

When youth walk through our doors at YouthHope, they usually have something specific that they need help with. Our first goal is to give our youth the basic necessities that they need and then sit with them to figure out how to move them to self-sufficiency.

Here's what our youth searching for when they come to YouthHope:

44% are looking for food

36% are looking for clothes

47% need help finding a job

56% need help with housing

17% need medical help

13% need tutoring

32% need help enrolling or reenrolling in school

25% are looking for friendship

6% need community service

Whatever their needs are, we are there to help!

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A Long Road Ahead

I'm a runaway. I've been on the streets for a few months now. As crazy as it sounds, the streets are safer than my home.

I come from a very abusive home where love was a foreign concept.

I ran away looking for safety, but the streets are anything, but safe. I was abused and used on the streets and had no one to protect me.

I was at the park one day and saw some people with food. I went over hoping to get some and found out about YouthHope. They told me I could come to their Drop-In Center to get help off the streets.

I didn't want to go, but I really needed to get some food and clothes.

The next day I went to YouthHope. I thought I would just go in, grab some stuff, and leave. Instead, when I walked in, I felt peace. I was greeted and one of the staff sat down with me and got to know me. Before I knew it, 3 hours had gone by.

I kept coming back every day. Being in YouthHope felt safe. After a few rough days on the streets, I knew that I

had to get help or I would end up dead.

YouthHope helped me immediately find place to stay. I am now in a rehab facility that is helping me in so many ways.

I may have a long road ahead in recovering, but I will succeed and I will never return to who I was on the streets.

Thank you YouthHope for seeing my potential and encouraging me to get help!

Did You Know?

54% of our youth have been abused. Most of them were abused by family members.

A Note From the Founder

Happy Spring! We are busy over at YouthHope at both of our locations, Redlands and Colton.

This month we were able to participate in Skatefest with the Optimist Club. We had skate competitions and free stuff for all the skaters that came to the Redlands Skate Park. It was such a fun afternoon and so cool to see the community come together to support a sport that so many

youth in our community love to do.

It definitely made an impact on our youth about people caring about them and caring about their hobbies.

We're looking forward to a great summer as well. We have several youth graduating and we can't wait to celebrate this huge accomplishment.

We are currently very low

on snacks in our food pantry. These snacks really help when our youth head off to school or to their job or a doctor's appointment. They can stop by, grab some food and then head to where they are going. Working or going to school hungry makes it so much harder to concentrate so we want to make sure their tummies are full so they can be successful!

Thank you so much for your willingness to help!

