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YouthHope



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A New Permanent Drop-In Center for YouthHope....

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Please consider sending your year-end tax deductible Donations to:

**YouthHope Foundation
P.O. Box 7803
Redlands, Ca. 92375**

Or Visit our Website to donate:

www.YouthHope.org

Or Visit

www.GoFundme.com

Tax Deductible IRS Donation Forms Are Available Upon Request

YouthHope Foundation is purchasing a long-awaited facility to act as a **Permanent Drop-In Center!** Our dreams and many prayers have finally been answered! YouthHope will soon have a Permanent Home for the homeless, runaway, and underserved youth we provide services to each day. Purchasing the Drop-In Center facility would not have been possible without the help of so many wonderful, caring and hardworking volunteers from the community. Thank you to all of the volunteers of the YouthHope Building Committee, the Redlands City Council, YouthHope corporate sponsors, and dozens more who were instrumental in helping YouthHope achieve this monumental goal!

Now the work really begins and we need all of our YouthHope Supporter's help!

Please plan to attend the:

**YouthHope Open House
Permanent Drop-In Center Facility
December 11th, 2013
5:00 to 6:30p.m
1179 W. Redlands Blvd.
Redlands, Ca. 92373**

5:00-6:00p.m. The facility will be open as an exhibit with visual aids of our services.

6:00-6:30p.m. A short 'Ceremony' will take place. Speakers will share information about YouthHope Foundation and announce plans for the facility.

The City of Redlands is requiring numerous renovations to be completed prior to allowing YouthHope permission to utilize the facility for the youth. Please plan to attend our

Open House to learn more about our plans for the facility, intentions for construction, and requested needs for each area. Refreshments will be served.

We are so excited about our new facility and can't wait to officially open our doors to the youth. While we are working with the City of Redlands and getting construction underway, youth services will continue to be held at a local park. Once construction is complete and we are able to move to our new 'Permanent Home', YouthHope will gradually begin to provide meals and services 5 days per week! Once again, a heart-felt 'Thank You' to all who have

helped make this dream become a reality!



YouthHope Drop-In Center!

Our New Drop-In Center Will Require A Lot Of Work Prior To Opening Our Doors! Please Consider Sponsoring An Area Or Donating Toward A Smaller Purchase. No Donation is Too Large or Small!



Computer Equipment



New Roof

YouthHope Drop-In Center!



Kitchen Equipment



Office Furniture



YouthHope Drop-In Center!



Class Room Furniture



**SANTA'S
YOUTH HOPE
WISH
LIST**

- NEW ROOF**
- FENCING**
- COMPUTERS**
- DESKS**
- ELECTRICAL**
- CLASS ROOM**
- LANDSCAPING**
- ALARM SYSTEM**
- HEATING & AIR**
- PAINT**
- CARPETING**

FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF THE ITEMS NEEDED TO OPEN OUR DROP-IN CENTER PLEASE ATTEND OUR OPEN HOUSE OR VISIT

WWW.YOUTH HOPE.ORG

Christy's First Christmas Gift

Christy started coming to YouthHope back in December of 2009 when YouthHope first started the 'Shoes for Christmas, Hope for a Lifetime' shoe program. Christy's mother is a Schizophrenic who never leaves the house. Christy and her sister both had to drop out of school to help take care of their mother. The family rarely had enough food to eat, and the girls were always hungry. Christy came to YouthHope when she was 14. YouthHope case managers were able to take Christy and her sister grocery shopping and buy them hygiene items and clothes. During one of these shopping trips, Heidi Mayer told Christy about her plans to host the 'Shoes for Christmas, Hope for a Lifetime' shoe program for Christmas that year. Christy became very quiet and said that she had NEVER received a present before, ever. As the holidays approached and

new shoes and wrapped them, Christy continued to attend YouthHope gatherings frequently. When the day of the Christmas party was held, Heidi noticed that Christy was off by herself. Heidi went to check on Christy and ask her if she was alright. Christy told Heidi that this was the very first gift she had ever received and she couldn't believe that she had a brand new pair of shoes! She said it was one of the happiest days she had ever had! Christy proudly wore her new shoes every day. This year, Christy will be receiving her 4th pair of Christmas Shoes from YouthHope. We are happy to report that with YouthHope's help, Christy is studying for her GED certificate and will take the test soon. YouthHope was also able to help Christy find a job this holiday season at Kohls. Christy is working hard during the night shift and very proud of her new job. When Christy first came to YouthHope 4 years ago, she was hungry, needed clothes, and had dropped out of school. YouthHope has provided Christy with love, hugs, much needed food and clothing, and access to the Continued Education and Job Training Programs. We are so proud of

Christy and her success in moving forward. Heidi, the staff, and many YouthHope volunteers will continue to provide support and services to Christy as she continues to move forward and becomes self-sufficient and exits life on the streets.

Please consider supporting the YouthHope 'Shoes for Christmas -Hope for a Lifetime' Shoe Program and give the gift of warm, dry shoes to a youth in need like Christy this holiday season!

Contact Lorrie at: 909 384-2444 to receive a Shoe Card.

All of the necessary information will be provided for you to make your 'Shoes for Christmas, Hope for a Lifetime' shoe purchase.

You can also send a check made payable to:

YouthHope Foundation
P.O. Box 7803
Redlands, Ca. 92375
Price range \$49-54.00



Or Visit www.youthhope.org and go online to donate a new pair of shoes today!



Note From the Founder....



As the holiday season approaches, I often find myself reflecting on the triumphs and challenges of the past year. YouthHope has certainly had many triumphs this year. The most exciting and noteworthy is the long-awaited Drop-In Center! All of us at YouthHope have worked so hard and so long pursuing our dream of a permanent facility for the youth we serve. To know that we finally have a permanent home where we can provide services and administer hope is so gratifying. These facilities couldn't have come at a more critical time. As of December 1st, YouthHope has provided services

to more than 900 homeless, runaway, and underserved youth from Redlands and the surrounding areas. At times we have been overwhelmed just trying to serve and get to know all of the new youth. We certainly couldn't have succeeded in our endeavors if it weren't for our wonderful volunteers and the community's help. YouthHope has been able to help and guide so many young people this year due to our dedicated and generous volunteers. This past year we have seen so many youth's lives changed positively. We have fed and clothed youth, and helped many get back into school or receive their GED's. We have taken sick youth to the doctor and dentist

and have gotten glasses for youth who had vision problems. YouthHope volunteers and case managers have helped countless youth find jobs and receive their food handlers certificates. All-in-all, it has been a wonderful year at YouthHope and we can end the year knowing that the YouthHope staff and huge volunteer network have helped the youth in our community move forward and find Hope. If you would like to learn more about YouthHope or would like to make a donation, please visit our website at: www.youthhope.org. The YouthHope staff and I wish you a joy filled holiday and a very Merry Christmas.