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# YouthHope



**HOPE FOR THE FUTURE STARTS WITH TODAY**

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**In 2014  
YouthHope is  
Grateful For Our...**

- OOppportunity to Provide Hope to our Youth
- OMany Faithful Supporters
- OMany Devoted Donors
- OMany Generous Corporate Grantors
- OMany Dedicated Volunteers
- OHard Working YouthHope Staff

## 2013 Was Filled With Wonderful Accomplishments....

2013 was a wonderful year for YouthHope! This year we had so many wonderful achievements to be thankful for. Our youth made marvelous strides this year and we were so blessed to have so much involvement and support from the community at-large. We are so thankful for the many blessings bestowed upon us in 2013. We would like to share some of the successes of the past year with you.

In 2013, YouthHope:

Acquired a Permanent Drop-In Center Facility! We finally have a permanent home for our youth and the YouthHope offices. This has been a long-awaited dream for YouthHope and would not have been possible without the communities' help and involvement. Many Redlands individuals and companies donated their time, money, and

resources to help us acquire our new facilities. We certainly would not have been able to purchase our facilities without the generous donations from our loyal donors and corporate sponsors.

In addition to purchasing our Drop-In Center in 2013, YouthHope provided services to over 900 youth this year alone! In the past two years YouthHope has been able to provide the following services to our local youth:

We provided 16,767 bus passes to 557 locations.

We provided in-excess of 20,000 hot, nutritious meals to hungry youth.

We provided 603 \$5.00 food cards.

Case managers provided youth with 748 fast-food visits.

YouthHope provided 743 opportunities for access to our Education and Job Training Programs.

This past year has been filled with a tremendous amount of hard work by YouthHope staff, volunteers, and the youth that we serve. In the end, all of the hard work this year has paid off! We have helped to feed, clothe, provide medical services, educate, and provide job training opportunities to hundreds of homeless, runaway, and underserved youth this year at YouthHope!

These accomplishments would not have been possible without the support of the community and the many volunteers and YouthHope donors and supporters. As we look forward to another busy year, we thank each of you for your part in making YouthHope such a success in 2013.

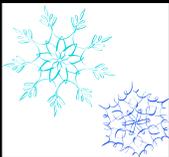
## YouthHope Holiday Celebrations....

YouthHope, in-conjunction with many dedicated volunteer organizations once again provided a wonderful Thanksgiving meal and Christmas party for the youth this past year. Our Thanksgiving meal was a wonderful feast including all of the holiday favorites. The youth enjoyed turkey, stuffing, gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, and of-course, pies. YouthHope case managers, staff, and volunteers served the youth and also had an opportunity to play some good old-fashioned board games

together. It was a great time to give 'thanks' for each-other and our youth. In addition to the Thanksgiving meal, YouthHope also hosted our annual Christmas party featuring the 'Shoes for Christmas, Hope for a Lifetime' shoe drive. Thanks to the generous donations of the community, YouthHope provided over 200 pairs of new shoes to our youth this year! Many of our youth have never received a Christmas gift before, and they were all so grateful to receive a

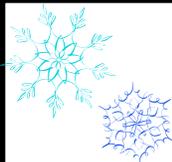
new pair of shoes this Christmas. In addition to receiving shoes, many volunteers provided hygiene items and hand made scarves, hats, and blankets to keep our youth warm this winter season. What a blessing these items are for our youth. In addition to their gifts, YouthHope also provided a fantastic holiday meal. A great time was had by all and a special 'Thank you' goes out to all of you who helped make our Christmas party a huge success!





### 3 Ways You Can Help YouthHope in 2014

- Host a Fundraiser for YouthHope
- Become a monthly donor - just \$10 a month will help feed hungry youth
- Volunteer to spend time with the youth. - We need volunteers that can help with meals, tutoring, & mentoring



## Youth Activities in 2013....

YouthHope was able to provide some fantastic opportunities for our youth in 2013 in addition to our standard programs. This past year YouthHope provided the youth with the chance to engage in several outdoor activities and trips. Many youth have never traveled outside of the immediate area and they loved these outings. The youth often reminisce about these events and relay that they have never had so much fun.

YouthHope volunteers took the male youth on two camping trips to the High Sierras in 2013. YouthHope provided all of the food, any additional warm clothing needs, and necessary camping gear that the volunteers required. These trips provided our youth with much needed male bonding with our volunteers and a chance to experience the outdoors and camping that many of the youth have never experienced before. All of the youth and volunteers had a great time!



Several 'Day' hikes were also organized by YouthHope volunteers this past year. The youth went to Forest Falls and Jenks Lakes. They had a chance to hike and spend quality time with YouthHope volunteers.



YouthHope staff, volunteers, and youth also participated in the Redlands Service Day this past April. It was a wonderful opportunity for the youth to give back to the community that has provided them with so much support.



Several youth also went fishing this year with a great YouthHope volunteer. Many of our youth have never had the simple pleasure of casting a fishing line before.

A great time was had by all.

In addition to camping and fishing, the YouthHope group attended a theater event at LifeHouse Theater



earlier in the year.

Several good-old-fashioned barbecues were held this past summer along with water-balloon fights and slip-n-slide activities.



2013 has been a wonderful year at YouthHope. We have had lots of fun activities with the youth and have built lasting relationships with many. We have given many youth lots of hugs, love and HOPE this past year...

## Note From the Founder....

Happy New Year! I hope that all of you had a wonderful holiday season. The new year is always busy at YouthHope and this year we plan to be busier than ever. We are working diligently on beginning to complete repairs and necessary construction of our Drop-In Center. Plans are underway for installation of a new fence and roof repairs as well as classroom and office space remodeling. We are very excited about the opportunity to officially open our Drop-In Center, but a lot of work will need to be completed first. In addition to working on our Drop-In Center, YouthHope is concentrating on services for the youth.

GED requirements have recently been changed and our volunteers are busy revamping our GED program to meet new guidelines. Our one-on-one GED tutoring program has been very successful and we hope to have more youth than ever graduate this upcoming year. YouthHope is also planning to implement a new pilot Drug Rehabilitation program in-conjunction with Loma Linda University Health Department sometime this year. Finally, we hope to enhance our Job Training programs to include opportunities for hands-on job training experience. We accomplished so much in 2013 and helped so many youth in need. Our plan for 2014 is to continue to

help our youth move forward in their lives and to provide them with opportunities and resources to help make their dreams of moving forward become a reality. Everything we have accomplished in 2013 would not have been possible without the support of the community and our donors and volunteers. Please know that your continued support of YouthHope means so much to the youth. We wouldn't have been able to help so many youth this past year without all of your help! The staff of YouthHope and I hope you all have a wonderful and safe New Year. - Heidi Mayer, Executive Director