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YouthHope



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Third Annual Benefit and Awareness Dinner

Please plan to join us for "A Walk In Their Shoes", our Third Annual Benefit and Awareness Dinner on Friday, May 10, 2013 at the Mitten Building in Redlands. The evening will commence with an awareness hour at 6:00 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m. as well as a silent auction and opportunity drawings through-out the evening.

Come hungry! Dinner this year will be a fantastic and tasty event. Plan to enjoy slow cooked, 'Hot off the Grill' delicious barbecue! During the evening, we will be offering some fantastic silent auction items as well as opportunity drawings. Plan to bring your checkbook so that you don't miss out. Look for these fantastic silent auction items:

○ Disneyland tickets for 4 & 2 nights accommodations at Ayres Suites hotel

○ Seaworld tickets for 4 ○ 2 nights accommodations at any Ayres Hotel location ○ Dinner & Movie basket ○ 2 Knotts Soak City passes

○ Palm Springs Tram tickets

○ Golf Package for 4 including cart rental at the Redlands Country Club

These are just a handful of the great items we will have to offer at the silent auction. Make sure to look for these items as well as many other great deals. Don't forget, Mothers' Day is May 12th, what a great way to pick-up a gift for that special Mother and donate to YouthHope at the same time!

In addition to enjoying a fun filled evening, great food and mingling with new friends and old, it is our hope that we can provide our guests with insight, knowledge and awareness of

the homeless, runaway and underserved youth that we work with each week. In addition to providing the youth with a hot, nutritious meal three times a week, were you aware that we also provide access to a small non-perishable food pantry and grocery program, clothing closet, hygiene items, medical, dental, and optometric care program, job training and education program, rehabilitation referrals, and one-on-one case management to meet our youth's specific needs? By providing this wide array of services to our youth, YouthHope is able to address the specific needs of the youth we mentor. By providing trust, hope, support and education it is our hope that we provide a support system for these youth so that they may grow to be healthy, successful adults. Please plan to join us at our "A Walk In Their Shoes" event. We look forward to seeing you there!



YouthHope's Third Annual Benefit Dinner, "A Walk in Their Shoes"

**Friday, May 10th
Mitten Building**

Redlands

For Tickets

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Redlands Community Service Project

On Saturday, April 27th YouthHope participated in Redlands Community Service Day. 20 YouthHope Volunteers and Youth served side-by-side with fellow Redlands volunteers at Heritage Park in Redlands. The City of Redlands is celebrating its 125th anniversary and this year's community wide service project was building historic Heritage Park and

YouthHope was on hand to help! YouthHope volunteers and youth worked hard painting fences and forging friendships while beautifying Heritage Park. After spending the morning hard at work, the YouthHope volunteers and youth all enjoyed a great barbecue lunch provided by the Noon Kiwanis Club. YouthHope youth were proud to give back to their city, be-

cause their city gives so much to them. A generous volunteer provided Youth and volunteers alike with t-shirts to commemorate the day!



To Donate:

Send your donations to YouthHope at
P.O. Box 601
Redlands CA 92373
or donate online via
our website
www.youthhope.org

3 Easy Ways You Can Help YouthHope...

1. Donate \$5.00 Gift Cards from Mc Donalds, Del Taco, Or Bakers
2. Donate items like Granola Bars, Packaged Snacks, or Water Bottles
3. Share this Newsletter with 5 friends and introduce them to YouthHope.

**Raising a Teen-Aged Girl Alone....**

What is a Grandfather supposed to do? How does he raise a 17 year old Granddaughter and two Grandsons alone? This special Grandfather lost his daughter (the children's mother), and recently became a widower when he lost his wife. This Grandfather is now raising a 17year old Granddaughter and 2 Grandsons alone... What does this Grandfather do when Emily and her younger brothers are hungry at the end of the month because there is no more money to purchase food? Emily, the 17 year old Granddaughter, recently came to YouthHope looking for

love, support and some basic necessities. When a case manager interviewed Emily, she indicated that she needed help to learn how to write a resume and how to find a job. Emily also indicated that she and her brothers required assistance with acquiring food. Emily's Grandfather doesn't always have the financial ability to purchase necessary groceries at the end of the month. Emily also longs for a female mentor who can help fill the void of losing her Mother and now her Grandmother. YouthHope case managers and volunteers are working hard to get to know Emily and under-

stand what her requirements are so that we can assist her with these most basic needs. Emily will also receive hugs and unconditional love from the staff and many volunteers of YouthHope. YouthHope provides services to youth with many different needs. They aren't always homeless, many just need a helping hand and a warm hug. Look for updates regarding Emily and her situation in upcoming issues.

Note From the Founder.... Drop-In Center Needed....

For the past three years, YouthHope has provided love, trust, hope, and support to homeless, runaway and at-risk youth in Redlands. Many of the youth we serve are victims of insufficient family structure, violence, aging out of foster care, and drug addiction. Sadly, many of the youth that regularly attend YouthHope meetings are malnourished hungry youth, with little or no guidance from their parents. Many are not regularly attending school and do not have consistent access to doctors or medical services. YouthHope works tirelessly to provide programs to assist these youth with the basic necessities they so greatly need as well as building the skill sets necessary to become successful and productive adults and to exit street life.

YouthHope is so thankful for all of the support provided from

the community. We have been blessed to have such wonderful volunteers that tirelessly provide food and hot meals for our youth, clothing, tutoring, mentoring and monetary donations. YouthHope couldn't provide the services that we do without all of our wonderful volunteer partners. In 2012, YouthHope served 483 youth. As of April 2013, we have already served 587 youth. To better provide services to the continually expanding number of youth, YouthHope is in great need of a permanent Drop-In Center. If YouthHope is able to secure a permanent Drop-In Center, we could offer so many additional services to the youth population we serve. If we had a permanent Drop-In Center, we could offer hot meals more often than three days per week, we could provide our homeless and runaway youth with a place to receive a hot shower and to wash their clothes,

we would be able to provide tutoring, GED preparation and food handling classes all in one central location. There are so many essential services and programs that YouthHope could provide and enhance with a permanent Drop-In Center. For the past 2 months, YouthHope has been providing services and hot meals at Sylvan Park three days per week. Many of our gatherings have taken place in the cold and dark and even in the rain on several occasions. It's time for YouthHope to have a permanent home! Please get the word out, YouthHope is ready for a permanent home and needs sponsors and contributors to donate toward our goal. We have so many promising youth that need our love, guidance and support. Please consider a monetary gift toward a permanent home for YouthHope!