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YouthHope



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New YH Statistics

- 27,616 homeless youth were documented in San Bernardino County School Districts in 2010-2011
- 3,204 (11%) of those youth were in the Redlands School District
- Nationally, 5,000 homeless youth will die each year because of assault, illness, or suicide
- YouthHope took youth to 125 medical appointments between July 2011– July 2012
- 86 different grocery shopping trips were made by YouthHope between July 2011 - July 2012

“A Walk in Their Shoes” Benefit Dinner

There is still time to sign up for an exciting event hosted by YouthHope. On October 12, 2012 you will have the opportunity to participate in a stirring YouthHope event. We will be hosting an evening of awareness for the benefit of supporting YouthHope programs. We will present local and current statistics on the youth population that we serve. We will also conduct a presentation on how we have been able to step in and serve these youth’s particular needs because of support from the community. Your purchase of a ticket will help YouthHope to continue providing essential services to homeless and

at-risk youth.

We are asking for a donation \$75 for individual tickets and \$500 for a table of eight. Proceeds will go towards supporting the cost of such programs as medical care and healthy groceries. The ticket price includes a delicious meal, dessert, and entrance into the Awareness Hour. Participants will also have the opportunity to bid on silent auction items.

The goal of the evening is not only to raise funds for all of YouthHope’s valuable programs for homeless and at-risk youth, but to raise awareness as to why youth

are homeless or at high-risk of becoming homeless. Over the course of several years we have learned many reasons why youth become homeless. We hope to share these reasons, so attendees will gain an understanding of this population’s particular needs.

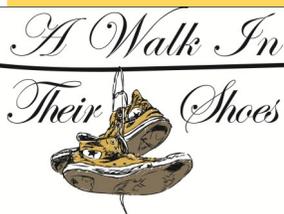
Please join us for this one-of-a-kind event on Friday October 12, 2012 at 6pm. You can register for the event on our website, www.youthhope.org. Just click on the “In Their Shoes” tab and you will find everything you need to participate in this event. Contact Rachel Benedict at rachel@youthhope.org with any questions or concerns.

Albertsons and Walmart Provide Support

In August YouthHope was the recipient of an Albertsons grant and a Walmart grant. Albertsons contributed to our Food and Clothing Program by providing YouthHope with gift cards to their store. This will enable YouthHope to continue offering grocery shopping assistance. A YouthHope representative will accompany at-risk youth to Albertsons and educate them on how to pick out healthy, sustainable groceries. This program not only provides

healthy groceries for youth in need, but it provides essential education that is vital to youth becoming self-sufficient adults. Walmart’s grant will go towards the Youth Training and Education Program. This program assists homeless and at-risk youth by helping them to enter or re-enter education programs. YouthHope will assist in various ways, but one way we help is to provide youth with monthly bus passes. This

ensures that youth can arrive at their programs each day, and it provides them with a better chance at succeeding in their programs. These grants are essential to YouthHope programs and we thank Albertsons and Walmart for providing YouthHope with this support. Without support from companies like Albertsons and Walmart YouthHope would not be able to serve all of the homeless and at-risk youth who seek help.



Back to School

Although many of our youth participate in year-round education programs, there are many more who will be going back to school in September. During the month of August, YouthHope spends many days taking youth to meetings with school administrators so youth can be enrolled into high school. These meetings usually require youth to have a parent or legal guardian present to enroll the youth, but some of our youth do not have either available. YouthHope has developed a working relationship with the local school districts so that we can step in as a representative for those youth and ensure that they can attend school.

When youth are enrolled in their individual programs, YouthHope will support them in every way possible so they have the best chance at success. We support them by providing them with bus passes so they can arrive at school each day. These are month long bus passes that the youth can utilize every day.

Over the summer months YouthHope purchased an average of 19 thirty-day student bus passes for 19 different youth enrolled in education or job training programs. We also support them by offering tutoring in any subject they may find difficult. This helps to ensure that youth stay caught up on their coursework and understand the material that is distributed in their programs. YouthHope will also help youth succeed by providing school supplies like backpacks, folders, pens, and paper. These items may seem small, but when youth do not have access to these items they cannot accomplish the necessary coursework, and therefore cannot complete their schooling. YouthHope has also been able to step in and provide groceries for those youth who are in homes, but where there is not enough food to sustain the family. Sometimes the only meal that these youth had available to them was their free lunch at school. The YouthHope grocery program has

provided healthy breakfast and dinner for youth in need.

YouthHope is able to support youth in their education programs because of donations from individuals and from various organizations who provide support. Without donations of items like notebooks, paper, and pencils it would be difficult to provide all youth who are in need with such items. Without donations of gift cards to places like Walmart, YouthHope would not be able to purchase items such as work boots for those enrolled in welding programs. Funds that are donated help YouthHope to pay entrance fees to schools like Center for Employment Training and United Education Institute. Funds also help YouthHope to pay for the costs of transferring official transcripts from a junior college to a four year university. These are all scenarios that YouthHope has been presented with, and we are able to adequately deal with each because of support from the community.

Contact Us!
We would love to hear from you. You can call us at (909)663-4543 or email us at info@youthhope.org

You can also find us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter!](#)

Note From the Founder

It seems that YouthHope is always busy providing transportation, but things really seem to pick up in September. Now is the time when all of the kids return back to school, and we spend hours meeting with administration and tutoring youth. This September is proving to be one of our busiest yet as we have numerous fundraising events coming up. The University United Methodist Church will be hosting a dinner and concert to help raise funds for YouthHope. The event will be held on September 22 and is sure to be a fun evening for all with a performance by The New Gang On The

Corner, part of the barbershop harmony society. You can find out more information about this event by visiting our website, www.youthhope.org.

I want to thank Mark and Tricia Hicks for hosting a fun evening at their home, with the purpose to raise funds for YouthHope. I was introduced to this wonderful couple through Kristine Owens of Wells Fargo Home Mortgage. If you remember, Wells Fargo provided YouthHope with a much needed grant, and they also provided us with tickets to two 66ers games. I would also like to thank the Redlands Dental and Orthodontic Group who spent a Saturday working on our kid's

dental needs. They filled cavities, put caps on, and eased the pain for several youth.

All of these individuals are helping to address the problem of youth homelessness. I want to thank each of them for their care and concern for the youth and YouthHope. I hope many of you will consider attending our "Walk in Their Shoes" benefit dinner. It will be an opportunity for me to demonstrate how YouthHope has been able to support the homeless youth. I wish all of you a happy return to school!
Heidi Mayer— Executive Director

