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# YouthHope



HOPE FOR THE FUTURE STARTS WITH TODAY

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## ITEMS NEEDED AT YOUTH HOPE:

\$5 Gift Cards to McDonalds, Bakers, Del Ta-co, Jack-in-the-Box, Subway, or other fast food restaurants

Men's Shorts (sizes 30, 32, and 34)

Portion Packaged Snacks (such as granola bars, crackers, etc.)

Individual Water Bottles

## LIKE THE GEARS OF A CLOCK...



Working with youth who are in such a tender place in life can be one of the most challenging tasks. Though they may have their personal moments of difficulty, ***the most common challenge is the expectancy of a quick-solution from those who don't work with our youth.*** Most expect our youth to "clean up," and put their lives together quickly and easily. The questions and pressure of moving our youth forward swiftly is where the strain and struggle lies. Our youth have come from places deficient in more than just food, more than

just money, more than just poor hygienic care. It takes more than one solution to move them forward. Not only this, but it takes time. These are lives we work with, not math equations. There is no one-size-fits-all to raising and helping our youth. Some things may work for some, and not for others. Many times our youth take 5 steps forward, 3 steps back. *These are lives and individuals that have been hurt, abandoned, emotionally abused,* or have experienced some form of trauma in their lives. One job will not "fix" this, one meal will not stop this, one bus pass will not

heal these traumatic experiences. It is like the gears of a clock, it takes multiple shifting gears to keep moving forward, and the only one to instigate that forward motion, is the youth themselves. It needs to start from within. Sometimes our youth aren't ready yet, but when they are we are here and ready to put the gears in motion.

We have so many youth getting jobs and becoming so proud of themselves, and we are thrilled to see this growth. They have never taken pride in anything, this achievement is huge, and we are so excited for their future!!!

## WIN 2 FLIGHTS!!!

Fundraising: one of our greatest needs at YouthHope. As a small non-profit with such a wide scope of services for our homeless and at-risk youth, YouthHope is always in need of fundraising and support. We are so grateful for our continuous donors and contributors who help keep YouthHope - its programs and services - running and available to our youth!

We are honored to share that we have been graciously given two (2) round-trip flight tickets from Southwest Airlines to serve as a drawing prize and increase our fundraising incentives!

***The drawing tickets for this prize are currently being pre-sold for \$1 per ticket, \$10 for***

***15 tickets, or \$75 for 120 tickets.*** The winning ticket will be drawn on September 13th, at our Day in the Park Car Show and Family Fun Extravaganza! This will be an incredible event you won't want to miss! You do not need to be present at the event to win.

Get your drawing tickets today and be entered for this incredible chance to win these flights! Just think: ***You have greater chances of winning these tickets than you do the lottery—AND you'll be helping YouthHope!*** How cool is that?!

***We are also in search of individuals who can support us by helping to sell these drawing tickets.*** If you are involved

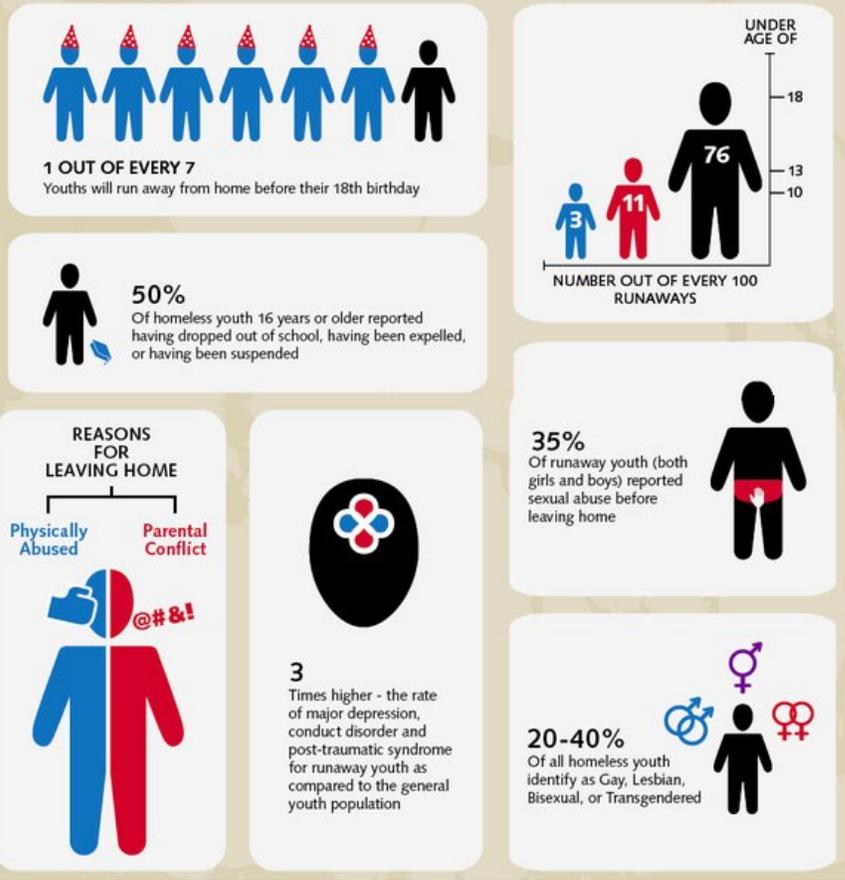
in a club, organization, small group, PTA, or simply your workplace, we would be thrilled if you would consider promoting this fundraiser to wherever you are connected!

**S i m p l y e m a i l** Cherise@youthhope.org or call (909) 810—3848. We will set you up with all the tickets to raise funds and awareness for YouthHope, as well as answer any questions you may have regarding this fundraiser. Whether you enter for a chance to win, or help us promote this to others, thank you for being an advocate for YouthHope!



## Infograph of Youth Homelessness

Infograph source:  
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 (<https://www.behance.net/gallery/Homeless-Youth-infographic/1154>) (<https://www.behance.net/gallery/Homeless-Youth-Infographic/1154207>)



### To Donate

Send your donations to YouthHope at P.O. Box 7803 Redlands CA 92375 or donate online via our website [www.youthhope.org](http://www.youthhope.org)

### 3 Easy Ways To Help YouthHope...

1. Acquire in-kind donations from local businesses to serve as opportunity drawing prizes for our upcoming fundraising events.
2. Help be a fundraising advocate and sell opportunity drawing tickets!!!
3. Share this Newsletter with 5 friends and introduce them to YouthHope



## Note From the Founder....

June has flew by and we are now approaching the hot days of summer. While the building is still under construction, we continue to serve our youth in the parking lot of our property. The temperature is at its highest on that black-top but our youth continue to come and receive a meal, a hug, and share with us their various needs. It would be far more comfortable to sit in the shade somewhere, or remain indoors, but our youth walk in the summer heat to come and see us. Their needs

are greater than the discomfort. We were all able to cool down from this heat at our "End of School Bash"! This was a day to celebrate our youth, to recognize those who graduated, and to gather for a fun day of water balloon fights and slip-and-slides. We had an amazing time getting soaked by the water balloons and hoses, and seeing who can get our volunteers the most wet. Our lovely volunteers made a delicious barbecue meal for our youth and even a homemade piñata for them to enjoy!

We all had a blast and created many sweet summer memories together. It's good to take some time to enjoy those around you and just have fun! I am so grateful for the time I get to spend with our youth. Have a wonderful summer!

