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YouthHope



HOPE FOR THE FUTURE STARTS WITH TODAY

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WIN 2 FLIGHTS!

YouthHope is giving away 2 Flights through Southwest Airlines!

These tickets are for roundtrip flights and can take you anywhere in the continental U.S. (valued at \$800).

Winning Ticket will be drawn Sept. 13 at our Car Show Fundraising Event. Presence not required to win.

Opportunity Drawing Tickets:
\$1 / each
\$10 / 15 Tickets
\$75 / 120 Tickets
\$100 / 175 Drawing Tickets

Purchase Tickets ONLINE at
www.youthhope.org/win2flights

OR by MAIL:
Send check to
P.O. Box 7803, Redlands CA, 92375 (Be sure to include name, phone number, and ticket quantity desired!)

SPECIAL EVENT EDITION

A Day in the Park Car Show & Family-Fun Extravaganza!

We are excited to invite you to attend and participate in our upcoming fundraiser titled "A Day in the Park!" Join us on Saturday, September 13th at Sylvan Park for an exciting day filled with fun activities for ALL AGES! There will be a Car Show on the north end for you to peruse and enjoy, as well as an Art Show by local Redlands' Artists on the west side. For those with little ones, we'll have a Kid's Play Zone complete with game booths, kid's karaoke, inflatable games and a rock climbing wall - all found on the south end of the park. Our friends at Redlands Cyclery USA and Inland Empire Bicycle Association (IEBA) are hosting a Bicycle playground for kids of all ages! So bring your bikes and helmets down and have fun riding through the various obstacles and bike games!

The local quilting community will be attending and displaying their beautiful hand-crafted quilts, and will also be

donating a quilt to serve as an opportunity drawing prize! This is just one among many incredible drawing prizes including: 2 Southwest Airline Tickets (round trip flights); 4 Disneyland Park-hopper Tickets; 4 SeaWorld Admission Tickets; a brand new Bicycle; and exclusive entry passes to Hollywood's Magic Castle!



We want this event to be inclusive to all members of your family and friends. So whether you enjoy art, ride bicycles, love classic cars, appreciate the beauty in quilt-making, or want to bring your kids out for some fun game booths and activities, please join us for a Day in the Park! Come see us at our Youth-

Hope Info Booth at the event and receive 1 free drawing ticket for every friend you bring!

If you would like to enter your car and participate in the Car Show, your work in the Art Show, Display your Quilt, join the Bicycle Cruise, or be a Vendor, **please contact Cherise at (909) 810-3848 or via email at cherise@youthhope.org**
DATE: Saturday, September 13th, 2014

TIME: 8 :00 am—4:00 pm (See www.youthhope.org/carshow for Schedule of Events)

WHERE: Sylvan Park, Redlands (on corner of University Ave. and Colton Ave.)

FREE FOR SPECTATORS (Car Show Participants and Vendor fees may apply)

Special thanks to Kiwanis (noon) of Redlands, JAM sportswear, and Redlands Cyclery USA for sponsoring this event!

BE AN EVENT VOLUNTEER

We are in need of **60 volunteers** for this upcoming fundraiser! There will be **4 shifts** to choose from and various duties that need filling. Some of these jobs include, but are not limited to: Face Painters, Set-up Crew, Clean-up Crew, Starbucks Barista (don't worry—we'll train you), YouthHope Info Booth, YouthHope Art Booth, YouthHope Snack Booth, Kid's Zone Game Booth, Drawing Ticket Sales, etc.

If you cannot make it to the event, you can still help us raise money by selling Opportunity Drawing tickets for our Southwest Flight Drawing beforehand! Contact Cherise@youthhope.org to volunteer at the event or become a fundraising advocate and help us help our youth!

PLEASE DONATE TODAY

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ITEMS NEEDED:

**-\$5 GIFT CARDS
 TO JACK-IN-THE-
 BOX, BAKERS,
 MCDONALDS, DEL
 TACO, CARLS JUN-
 IOR, AND OTHER
 FAST FOOD RES-
 TAURANTS**

**- MENS SHORTS
 (SIZES 30, 32, 34)**

**- MENS UNDER-
 WEAR, BOXERS, &
 BRIEFS**

Bullied and Beat...

Never has a youth been so in need of love and attention as our dear youth Frankie. Frankie first came to YouthHope as a petite and malnourished 13 year old. He was always the one to get picked on, the one to be teased and the one to take the beatings for being so weak and "worthless." Due to the neglect and traumatic events experienced by Frankie as a baby, Frankie grew with a difficulty in his oral development and has a speech impediment that makes it very difficult to understand him. This became a target for his peers to poke fun at him and bully him for his poor ability to speak. Frankie had a great deal of insecurities and anger that would only lead to further torment from his peers.

The home and environment in which Frankie was raised was nothing short of neglectful, abusive, and unstable. As a young child, Frankie would witness his dad hit and abuse his mother

repeatedly. He would try and intervene but would only get hit and beat in the process. His parents soon split and he was left to roam from family member to family member. As Frankie's dad and close uncles would go in and out of jail, Frankie would move back and forth from his grandmother's house to various relatives. In this family it was "fend for yourself." Frankie had very little guidance and no attention or direction from any parental figure. Not only this, but he was scarred from the abuse he would continue to face anytime his dad came back into his life.

For his entire 9th grade school year, Frankie did not attend school. With no one to encourage him or even set an example of education being a necessity, Frankie missed an entire year of his high school education. After coming to YouthHope for some time, Frankie began to open up and ask for help. Heidi was able to get him put back into the

school district and to continue high school.

Frankie is now 17 and works part-time at a mechanic's shop. His upbringing and traumatic experiences have left him with a great deal of mental struggles and needs. Many recognize Frankie as loud and chaotic — always causing a ruckus and in need of attention - however we see a hurting young man who just wants to be loved and cared for...we see the Frankie that has been abused, neglected and left to raise himself. We see a youth, like so many of our youth, who just need to be loved and told "you can make it!"

Frankie will be entering his senior year of high school and his journey will only continue. He has a long ways to go but we know that Frankie CAN make it and we will continue to encourage him to push forward and pursue higher education.

Note From the Founder....



Wow, it's already August! What a fun and fast Summer we've all had at YouthHope! I've had a blast making memories and spending quality time with our youth. As the school year is starting back up again we are

working hard on moving our youth forward with their education. Five of our youth will soon be attending Crafton Hills College, and 11 others are beginning job training at ROP. We are currently in need of Backpacks and school—supplies for high school and college students. Items such as: pencils, pens, college-ruled paper, folders, binders, calculators, and Walmart gift cards. [All donations can be dropped off at our building located at 1175 W. Redlands Blvd. between 3:00 pm—6:00 pm, Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.] Along with preparing our youth for school, I have also had the

privilege of talking with the youth and getting to know their personal struggles and hardships. From homelessness to homes where nobody cares, our youth have experienced so many painful circumstances that hit them at their deepest insecurities. They continue to joke around and pretend like everything is alright, masking the pain and hurt they are constantly reminded of as soon as they go to bed. Please keep our youth in your thoughts and prayers! There is a great deal of pain in our youth, but they are eager to find hope.