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3rd Annual "Slice of Hope" Golf Tournament

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MON: 3 PM—6 PM
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 THUR: 3 PM—6 PM

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YouthHope is excited to announce our 3rd Annual "Slice of Hope" Benefit Golf Scramble to be held at the Yucaipa Valley Golf Course on Saturday May 23rd, 2015. The event will begin with a continental breakfast at 6:30 am, and a chipping and putting contest at 7:15 am. The golf scramble will begin with a shotgun start at 8:00 am and will conclude with a delicious barbecue luncheon and award ceremony. The event

will also host a wide variety of silent auction and opportunity drawing prizes!

If you would like to support YouthHope and this event, there are various Sponsorship Packages available, they include:

Gold Sponsorship (\$1000) - includes (2) Foursomes, Signage at Check-in Area, Tee-Sign, Plaque, and Recognition during Award Ceremony

Silver Sponsorship (\$500) - includes (1) Foursome, Signage at Check-in Area, and a Tee Sign

Tee Sponsorship (\$125) - includes a Tee-sign with company logo and/or personal message. This is a great opportunity

for business advertisement as well as a visual representation of your support for YouthHope.

Individual Entry is \$100 and Team Entry (Foursome) is \$375.

Please register online at www.youthhope.org/sliceofhope or contact Cherise at Cherise@youthhope.org.

YouthHope would greatly appreciate your help in spreading awareness of this event. Please invite those in your communities to participate and gather teams to join us on the green for a fun morning of golf in support of YouthHope! All proceeds from this event will directly impact our Youth Care Programs.

Meet Susan

Susan MacMillan first began volunteering for YouthHope in June of 2013. Her dedication to youth-centered volunteer work did not begin with YouthHope however, but with a non-profit in her former city of Tuscon, Arizona. Years ago she had heard of a story of a young boy who was kicked out of his home and was living on the roof of a local elementary school. Adults knew of this youth and his living situation but did nothing. One cold night in January, the young boy con-

tracted Spinal Meningitis and later died. When Susan heard of this story she was appalled that such youths are forced to live on the streets, and even worse, that responsible adults are aware of this and yet do nothing to help these poor youth.

"Kids are our future, and we shouldn't leave them behind," says Susan. "Most people generalize the youth and their struggles and addictions, claiming that they *want* to do drugs and such, but really, it's not a choice.

These kids don't have a choice."

Susan is a wonderful and dedicated volunteer who assists us with our clothing donations and distribution, as well as with grant-writing needs. Her heart for our youth is so evident in the time, care and donations she gives to YouthHope, and we are incredibly grateful to have her on our team!

Thank you Susan for all that you do and for how much you give of yourself to better our youth!

The Beginning of Moving Forward

Alex's struggle with alcohol began at the young age of 13. His mother introduced him to a lifestyle of drinking, much like her own. His parents had been separated for as long as he can remember, and his mother would bring a string of boyfriends through the household during his entire upbringing. Due to this experience, Alex struggles with confiding or respecting male figures in his life, as the men he has known showed no care or concern for a positive relationship with Alex or contributed to a healthy upbringing.

Alex also struggled in school. He had trouble concentrating due to

his hunger pains (as there was rarely food in the home), and he struggled understanding the school-work. Alex consequently dropped out of high school after 9th grade.

Alex had visited us in and out of this time, but never quite shared much of his story.

Recently he began attending YouthHope more and more, and confided in us enough to share these pieces of his life.

Alex confessed his struggles with alcohol and came to a place to accept he is an alcoholic. This step of awareness is huge for our youth, and shows their deep desire to

change. It shows they are aware of where they are in life, but are not willing to accept it as all that they are or will become. Several of our youth struggle with this, to no fault of their own. They come from homes where this lifestyle is exhibited and encouraged, and there is no one in their life to tell them otherwise.

We are currently helping Alex to attend rehab and go through the process of quitting, healing, and reaching a stable place to move him forward. We love our dear Alex and are excited for his progress. Please keep him in your thoughts and prayers.

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SEEKING FUNDRAISER:

Our fundraiser position will be opening soon and we are in need of an individual to coordinate our annual fundraising events. This is a full-time position that requires organizational skills, and an ability to write well. The applicant will need to possess good leadership skills, creative thinking, and be self-motivated. Duties include but are not limited to: coordinating events on minimal budget, finding sponsors and in-kind donation items, coordinating volunteer committees, writing press releases, and designing flyers and invitations.

DID YOU KNOW?

Approximately
50,000 youth in the
U.S. sleep on the
streets for a period
longer than 6 months.

(source: <http://www.endhomelessness.org/pages/youth>)

Note from the Founder



April is already here and with it comes a twist of youth-interests. In my experience as a mother of four and former elementary school teacher, April is oftentimes the month of agonizing await. It is the time of year that children and teens are anxious for summer to begin and often have difficulty focusing on school. For our youth, I have recently seen a change of interests. For the last 2 months our youth have been ac-

tively pursuing acquiring a job. Our case managers are booked for 3 solid weeks, working with these youth to help them succeed at finding a job. These youth are so dedicated that they have begun to search on their own as well, doing all that they can to support themselves and become independent. Several youth are also working on their FAFSA, and we have 2 youth who will be taking their GED this month! As the standards for the GED have changed and in-

creased this last year, it has been very hard for any youth to pass the new form of this test. We are very proud of these youth for having dedicated themselves to their weekly GED tutoring sessions and have come to a place of readiness to take the test. It is so exciting to see them work hard and commit to moving their lives forward!

- Heidi Mayer