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CAN MAKE
**DIFFERENCE
TODAY**

**YouthHope has helped over
1200 different youth in the past year.
Please help us continue to offer our
services to our youth!**

Please consider making a donation to Youth-Hope and aiding our cause in helping the at-risk, underprivileged and homeless youth! Together we can make a positive difference in these youths lives.

All donations directly impact our Youth Care Programs.

As a 501(c)3 non-profit, we will be happy to send you a tax-letter noting your generous donation.

HOW TO DONATE:

BY MAIL: Please make check out to
"YouthHope Foundation" and send to

**P.O. Box 7803
Redlands, CA 92375**

ONLINE > Please visit

www.youthhope.org/donate

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Hours: **3 - 6 pm > mon. wed. & thur. only**



Our Mission:

“To build confidence and promote self-sufficiency for homeless, run-away and underserved youth by providing trust, hope, support and education. No one is a lost cause!”



A Youth Story

A mother's hug, a father's care—the essential needs of a healthy upbringing. These needs are not often met in the lives of our youth, Gavin being one of these youth. Gavin was placed in foster care at age 3 due to substance abuse in the home.

His parents chose the drug over their child.

From ages 3 - 11 he went from foster home to foster home, experiencing various forms of abuse and neglect, never having a parental figure to provide the genuine love and care every child needs for a healthy development. Gavin grew up without an understanding of what it meant to be loved.

At age 11 Gavin and his brother were both adopted into a family that really only cared about the paycheck.

As Gavin grew up and went through the struggles of high school and identity searching, his family was less than supportive. They could not understand why his A.D.D. affected his schooling so much, they could not understand the depression and pain he was experiencing as he faced the fact that his birthparents could not let go of their drug to raise their child. To be abandoned and neglected in that way makes a child feel unworthy

and unwanted. As they grow up and try to discover and establish their own identity, this pain becomes a part of that identity.

Instead of encouraging Gavin and being a support to him, his family put him down and discouraged him for his "failures". Gavin fell very behind in school and dropped out altogether. He felt worthless, and began to believe the words his family used to describe him,

At age 17 Gavin left home and began couch-surfing with friends. This is when Gavin found youthhope.

Over time, case-managers at youthhope were slowly able to gain gavin's trust and learn his story and painful experiences while in the foster care system.

YouthHope has been able to help gavin move forward by providing GED tutoring, and helping to connect him to a job placement program. Through youthhope, Gavin has also received a new set of glasses and visit the dentist for the first time since he was 7,

Support and love was all Gavin needed to move forward and realize he is wanted and valued! Gavin is actively pursuing moving his life forward in all aspects and we are so proud of how far he has come and how hard he is working to get there!

Who are we?



YouthHope is an independent 501(c)3 non-profit organization that serves the at-risk, underprivileged, runaway, and homeless youth (ages 14 - 24) of Redlands, Loma Linda, Yucaipa and the surrounding Inland Empire. YouthHope provides a wide range of services to enable our youth to move forward, off the streets, and become healthy, self-sufficient adults.

DID YOU KNOW?



1 in 6 youth

between 7th - 12th grades are considered homeless

in the Redlands Unified School District

What we do

FOOD & CLOTHING: Empty stomachs and empty pantries are a common occurrence in our youths' lives. At YouthHope we provide hot meals 3 days a week, along with canned food, and grocery assistance. We also provide in-style clothing so our youth can confidently attend school without feeling out of place.

JOB & EDUCATION: WE believe education is our youths' ticket to moving forward, and so We provide GED tutoring, Bus passes, school supplies, job training, resume writing, and college application assistance.

Medical CARE: It's hard to do well in school when you can't see the whiteboard. At Youthhope we partner with many local clinics and programs to provide medical, dental, and optometry care for our youth.

One-on-One Case Management: Every story is different. Some youth are in need of rehabilitation referrals while others need homes. YouthHope provides individual case-by-case guidance and care to help meet each youth's individual needs. We love every one of our youth and serve them through love, kindness, support, and lots of hugs!

24% of our youth have slept on the streets

39% of our youth have parents with substance abuse problems

94% of our youth have experienced physical, verbal, and/or sexual abuse