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- Loma Linda University Health, Community Health Development Office



- Rita Shaw Broker and Associates



You Brighten Our Community

A boy who was around 10 years old came down with a deadly illness. He was at St. Jude Medical Center for over a year while doctors tried every intervention to heal the young boy. When all efforts were exhausted, the doctors told the boy's parents that it was just a matter of time before the boy would pass and that they should take him home so he could be comfortable and be with his family during his last days. This came as hard news to the family and they wanted to ensure that his last days would be filled with the happiest moments. The boy loved the Christmas season more than anything and the family wanted to experience one last Christmas with their son. Even though it was October, the family went out and found a Christmas tree, put up the lights, made gingerbread houses, and listened to Christmas music. This was odd to the neighbors and they even questioned the family as to why they would do this. When they learned of the boy's illness, the neighbors got together and decided to help this family enjoy the Christmas season early. The whole neighborhood decorated their houses and put up Christmas lights so every time the boy looked out his window he would not only feel the Christmas spirit, but the immense amount of love from a town who loved its people.

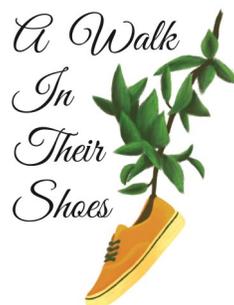
This story speaks volumes to us at YouthHope. When we read this story, we see a bigger picture. We see a community helping someone in need. We see sacrifice, love, and acceptance. We see our community. We see people buying shoes for youth who have no shoes. We see families making blankets for those who have no shelter. We see groups cooking food for those who are starving. We see schools and colleges donating clothes to those who need them. We see brand new jackets delivered so no one is cold this winter. We see stores donating money during the busiest time of the year. We see HOPE.

Thank you! This Christmas season was a success because of you! You saw a need in your community and did something about it. You showed our youth how much they are loved and how they are supported throughout the community.

2015 was an incredible year for YouthHope. We moved in to our drop in center, we saw new youth every day, and helped more youth get jobs, get high school diplomas, get GEDs, get into trade school, get into college, get into housing, along with daily needs of food, clothes, and school supplies. We saw youth move forward and that makes 2015 great.

We can't wait to see what 2016 has in store for us, but we know its going to be incredible because we have incredible support through you! Thank you!

YouthHope's 5th Annual "A Walk in Their Shoes"



We are so excited for our Walk in Their Shoes benefit dinner

happening **February 19, 2016** with an awareness hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to see why YouthHope exists. You will hear stories from our youth, see alarming statistics of youth homelessness in our nation and in our city. You will also have the opportunity to support YouthHope through

a silent auction, opportunity baskets, and through donor cards.

The dinner will take place at **The Mitten Building-Summerbell Room** located at **345 N. 5th Street**.

Please RSVP by February 5, 2016.

Questions? Visit

www.youthhope.org/awalkintheirshoes

I mean, I guess I need help.

I come from a large family. We don't have a lot of money, but we have a lot of love. My parents don't work. My siblings don't work. We just don't have a lot. We sometimes don't eat breakfast or dinner. I get free lunch at school and that usually will help me get through the day. When I get sick, my mom will do her best to help me at home, but we don't go to the doctor. We kind of just get by with what we have. My parents tell us everyday that it will get better, but I'm starting to doubt it. Some days are hard, but I really haven't known any different.

One day at school, my friend mentioned that he was going to "Heidi's". I had no idea who Heidi was, but I thought I would check it out. When I got to YouthHope I was flooded with love and kindness. No one knew me, but everyone there was so nice. They fed me, talked to me, and found out ways that they could help. Heidi sat down with me and started asking me questions. I really didn't think I needed help, but once she started asking questions like "when was the last time you went to the doctor?" and "Do you need groceries for your family?" I realized that maybe I do need help.

The first thing that YouthHope helped me with was food. I relied on their meals because I wasn't sure if I would eat dinner at home. YouthHope always had food. I never had to worry about showing

up and not being fed. I love that about YouthHope. They don't break promises.

I also get groceries from YouthHope each week. I take home food that will help my family eat. I take home rice, beans, potatoes, and anything else that looks good. It has really helped my family. My mom is able to cook more meals at home and my family gets to eat more often. The best part is that I get to pick out the food so I always like the meals my mom makes.

YouthHope also helped me with my health. They took me to the doctor and I found out that I need glasses. I didn't know that I needed glasses, but once

YouthHope helped me get a pair I was actually able to see! I didn't realize that you were supposed to see the mountains or see the birds flying in the air. I feel so much better!

Even though I don't do drugs or I don't live on the street, YouthHope helped me. No, I didn't need an intervention, or rehab, or housing, but I still needed help and I got help. YouthHope took time to figure out how they could help and then they followed through.

I love going to YouthHope to eat and hang out with my friends, but what I love the most is that I don't have to worry. If I need help, I know where I can find it!

Did you know?

There are 1,800 homeless youth between 7th and 12th grade attending school in the Redlands Unified School District.
-RUSD Homeless Data

Success at YH

Our youth dedicated over 170 hours to being tutored so they could pass their GED!
#movingforward

A Note From the Founder



I cannot believe that it is already 2016. We are going into our 7th year at YouthHope and I feel so fortunate and blessed to see how Youthhope has grown. We would not be in the place where we are without the enormous amount of support that we receive from our community.

Thank you so much for the immense amount of support that you have given YouthHope this year. From our weekly volun-

teers who love on our youth so well, to everyone who has helped on our building every Saturday. We would be lost without all of your help. Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I know 2016 will be great because of the support we receive daily from everyone.

As you begin this new year, I hope that you have great expectations. Please remember that even though the holidays are over, we still have needs

throughout the year. We give out approximately 50 bus passes a month, use approximately 40 \$5 food gift cards per month, and feed between 50-75 youth each day. If you would like to donate, please visit our website www.youthhope.org/donate, send a check to P.O. Box 7803 Redlands, CA 92375 or if you have a specific item that you would like to donate, please email info@youthhope.org.