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## National Homeless Youth Awareness Month

November is National Homeless Youth Awareness Month and we are getting the word out! One of the best ways to help end youth homelessness is by spreading the word about the seriousness of this problem. You can do this by sup-

porting the following businesses. Throughout the month of November, they will be donating a portion of their proceeds to YouthHope. Also look out for our annual mailing campaign for a great way to get involved at YouthHope by directly helping our youth with

needed resources. We can end youth homelessness, but we must work together!



Thursday, November 3rd at Market Night in Redlands. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to YouthHope.



Shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) to have a portion of your purchase donated to YouthHope



20% of all retail sales will be donated to YouthHope in the month of November.

325 Cajon Street Redlands, CA



Participate in a 1K or 5K on Thanksgiving Day. Register at

[www.redlandsturkeytrot.com](http://www.redlandsturkeytrot.com)

YouthHope is one of three local non profits receiving a portion of the race profits.



Order a specialty marked cake and a percentage of your sale will be given to YouthHope.

615 Tennessee Street.  
Redlands, CA



Tuesday, November 15th, bring this newsletter or pick up a flyer at the restaurant to have 10% of your sale donated to YouthHope.



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Make welzoo your homepage and they will donate up to 6 cents to YouthHope each time you go online.

## Shoes for Christmas, Hope for a Lifetime

We are only a month and a half away from our annual Christmas party and we have youth signing up for shoes daily.

We need your help to make sure that each youth gets a new pair of shoes.

Here's what you need to know about purchasing shoes:

- Each pair of shoes cost \$45
- You purchase shoes from

The Agency Boardshop located at 33527 Yucaipa Blvd. Unit C-4 in Yucaipa,

- You can donate online at [www.youthhope.org/donate/christmas-shoes](http://www.youthhope.org/donate/christmas-shoes)
- You can send in a check. Make sure to include "Christmas Shoes" on the memo line.

- Shoes need to be dropped off at The YouthHope Drop In Center no later than December 8.

When you buy a pair of shoes, you provide a youth with a Christmas gift.

If you have any questions, please contact Monica at (909) 289-8716 or [monica@youthhope.org](mailto:monica@youthhope.org).

## My Story Isn't Over Yet

It all started when I was 11. I had been in and out of foster care, but my mom attended the AA meetings and the rehab programs to get me back. I knew she wasn't serious about her sobriety, but I didn't have a say in it.

2 weeks after I moved back in, she started shooting up heroin again. One night, she told me to hold my arm out. I asked her why, and she just yelled "DO IT AND LOOK AWAY." So I did. I felt a sharp pain and then a warm sensation go up my arm and into my entire body. I had no idea what was going on, but I just sat and let it happen.

When I finally came back to my senses, I asked my mom what she did to me. She told me that she tested the heroin on me to make sure it wasn't laced with anything that would harm her. She was willing for me to be harmed by the drug to make sure that she wouldn't be negatively affected. I could of died. She didn't care.

For listening to her and doing what she asked, she showed me how to shoot up heroin on my own and gave me part of her stash.

I was hooked.

Shortly after, my mom left and I was on the streets. Every time I tried to call her, she wouldn't answer or she would lie

about where she was. She wanted nothing to do with me.

Now 5 years later, I'm still homeless, still a drug addict, and still stuck.

Some friends took me to YouthHope recently. The feeling that I felt when I walked in was home. I felt safe, cared for, and loved,

It felt like family.

I haven't ever felt like I had a family. It's the one thing that I want so desperately. YouthHope is helping me in any way that I will let them. They have offered me counseling, rehab, doctors, food, etc.

I don't really know what I want help with right now. I know I need help. I know I need to stay away from my mom and move on, but its hard. YouthHope is allowing me the time to figure it out. They have promised to be there while I figure it out and to love me through it all.

So my story isn't over yet. I know that I will look back and see the progress one day. Today I am thankful that I am alive and that I have a place like YouthHope to go to. To get fed, get clothed, and get a hug which I so desperately need.

Thank you YouthHope for meeting me where I'm at and being patient while I figure my life out.

## Housing Update

We recently had a house outing with David Maupin of Maupin Financial Advisors. He taught our youth about the importance of saving money and ways to invest in their future finances. Thank you David for taking the time to teach our youth about finances.

## Did You Know?

YouthHope teams up with Loma Linda University and Orangewood High school to provide Life Skills Class where youth learn about skills that they may not have known due to the lack of support at home.

## A Note From the Founder



Is it a coincidence that Thanksgiving and National Homeless Youth Awareness Month are in the same month? I don't think so.

November is a month of giving thanks. To remember what we have and to give to those that aren't as blessed as we are. As you reflect on all that you have been blessed with, remember the youth who are on the street. Remember that there are 1.7 million youth in the United States that experience home-

lessness. The majority of these youth did nothing to end up on the streets. They were born into poverty stricken homes, or drug addicted parents, or toxic, dangerous families.

Although we cant help all 1.7 million youth, we can help the youth in our community. That's why YouthHope exists.

Please consider supporting our youth this holiday season. There are several ways to support YouthHope. Whether you purchase shoes for our Christ-

mas party, give through our new adopt-a-program, or by donating clothes and food.

Every donation counts and every donation helps a youth in need.

Don't forget to visit the local businesses that are donating to YouthHope this month. Lets spread awareness and end youth homelessness.