



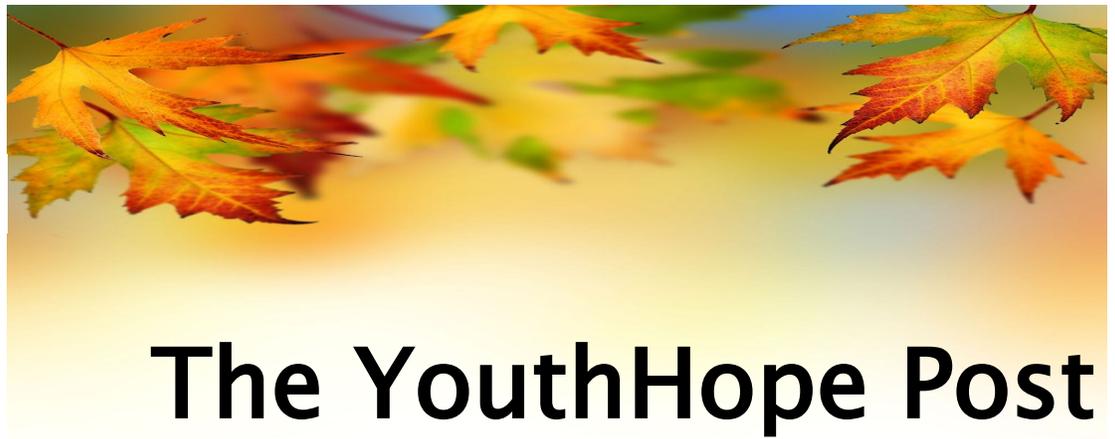
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# The YouthHope Post

## National Homeless Youth Awareness Month

It's November and that means that its National Homeless Youth Awareness Month. According to the California Homeless Youth Project, more than 33,000 youth in San Bernardino County are considered homeless. In Redlands Unified School District, there are over 1,300 homeless students between 7th-12th grade. These are youth who were born and raised in poverty.

They have no power to determine their circumstances because they were born into this. This is why YouthHope exists and this is why we spend all of November raising awareness. People need to know what is going on in their town, in their schools, with their children's friends. We need to help these youth.

We have partnered with local

businesses this month to help bring awareness. All it takes is for you to grab your friends, family, co-workers, someone who doesn't know about YouthHope and go visit these businesses. Not only will you be bringing awareness to the epidemic of youth homelessness, but you will also be supporting YouthHope! Spread the word!



November 2nd at Market Night. A percentage of sales will be donated to YouthHope



You can always shop at Amazon Smile and .5% will be donated to YouthHope. Use during Black Friday and Cyber Monday!



Every day in November, Gourmet Pizza will donate \$1.00 for every pizza. **Mention YouthHope**



November 4th and 5th, 10% of all proceeds will be donated to YouthHope



Every day in November, International Day Spa will donate 20% of sales of products from the Orange Display



November 14th, 10% of proceeds will be donated. **Must have flyer with you.**



November 30th, Olive Ave. Market will donate 10% of sales to YouthHope

## I Can Do It!

I was always told that I will never amount to anything. That I will never become successful or happy. This is how I was raised.

It wasn't always this way. When my mom was living, things were ok. My mom held our family together and kept everyone happy. Especially my dad. I didn't know how toxic my dad was until my mom passed away. Once she was gone, he couldn't handle life by himself. He became very angry and very bitter.

I'm not sure why he decided to take all of his problems out on me, but it was daily abuse. Anytime he was upset, he would hit me or he would push me, or punish me. It was like a release for him. After he would abuse me, he would be in a better mood.

I wanted to make him happy so bad. It was my goal for him to love me. I was on honor roll at school, I worked part time on campus, and I was involved in many groups. He didn't care about any of those things.

I heard about YouthHope after doing some research on line. The beatings had become increasingly bad and I knew that something needed to change. I came to YouthHope to talk to Heidi about what some options were. She was so kind and

helpful. She didn't have all of the answers, but promised to find the answers.

After a few more days, she had found a lawyer, a counselor at school to help me, and a place for me to stay. We were able to ask my dad to terminate his parental rights since he obviously didn't want anything to do with me. I wasn't sure how he was going to react, but with the help of Heidi and the lawyer, my dad relinquished his parental rights immediately, and by the next day, I was in a safe house for youth.

I couldn't believe how Heidi made me a priority and made sure that I was in a better situation. I hadn't been a part of

YouthHope for very long. I had showed up once and Heidi didn't hesitate to help me. She didn't tell me that I had to wait since I was new, she helped me right away!

I am still on honor roll at school, I joined student government and am hoping to play sports in the spring. I am so thankful for YouthHope and how serious they take their job.

Without them, I am not sure that I would have made it to my next birthday.

Now I can dream about my future and work towards my goal of becoming an engineer and I know that I can do it!

## Christmas Shoes

We need your help to make sure our youth get new shoes this Christmas. Here's the details:

- Each pair of shoes cost \$45 plus tax
- 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)
- Drop shoes off at YouthHope no later than December 8

## A Note From the Founder



November is such an important month for us. Our goal each November is to bring awareness to our community about the growing population of homeless youth.

The majority of these youth were born into their current situation with little to no fault of their own. They were never taught how to be self-sufficient, how to be successful, or how to move past poverty.

We want people to see that they can make a difference in these youth's lives. There are many

practical ways to help these youth. One of the easiest this month is by visiting the local businesses that are donating to YouthHope. Not only are you helping YouthHope, but you are shopping local. This is the perfect opportunity to walk along side YouthHope and help us end youth homelessness.

As we enter the holiday season, please remember our youth. We have over 200 pairs of shoes that need to be purchased for our youth.

Our youth don't get Christmas presents and this party is the highlight of their year.

Also remember us as you are making year end donations. YouthHope is a certified 501(c)3 nonprofit. Every donation that you give is tax deductible.

I hope you and your family have a joyous Thanksgiving and you take time to be thankful for everything that you have.

Happy Thanksgiving!