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The YouthHope Post

A Huge Thank You!

At the end of every year, we like to reflect on all that has happened and set goals for the following year. And every time we reflect we are overwhelmed with how much we have been blessed by you.

At YouthHope, we operate off of 3 types of support: Grants, Fundraisers, and donations. The majority of our funding comes from you whether its from a monthly donation, a clothing or food donation, attending a fundraiser, or participating in our bi-annual mailing campaign. You are what keeps the doors of YouthHope open. We wouldn't be able to spend 500 hours

this year tutoring youth for the GED test, or help enroll 32 youth into college or a trade school, or help over 62 youth get a job, or help 25 youth get their Food Handlers Certificates, along with sitting alongside them as they cry because they have been abused for years and finally had the courage to leave, or because they have to sleep outside because they don't have anywhere to go.

We also wouldn't be able to celebrate with our youth as they run into our drop in center with their first real paycheck after working their job, or crying tears of joy after

getting them into a safehouse where they can sleep in peace knowing they are safe, or giving them a big hug after they have completed rehab and are working towards becoming self sufficient.

So Thank you! Thank you for believing in our mission and coming along side us and helping. We can't show our thankfulness enough. You are the reason youth are getting off the streets and why the cycle of poverty and homelessness are ending.

Thank you!

A Light Among the Darkness

Meet Maddie. Maddie is 9 years old and lives in Southern California. Maddie's Father is currently deployed overseas. She's your normal 9 year old girl who loves to sing and be with her family. There's one huge difference between Maddie and other kids her age. She wants to change the world.

Last year for Christmas, she decided that she wasn't going to get Christmas presents. She knew that she had been blessed and wanted to help others. After her cousin had been born

with a bad liver, she saw how The Ronald McDonald House helped their family while the baby was in the hospital. So she decided to ask all of her friends and family to donate to Ronald McDonald House instead of getting her gifts. She ended up raising over \$1,000.

This year she decided that she wants to help kids without homes. She found YouthHope and decided to make YouthHope her Christmas present. This year she is going to try to

raise more money by creating a fundraiser on facebook along with asking her friends and family to donate.

We cant wait to see how much she can do. What a great example to learn from a 9 year old. When most kids (and adults) are thinking about what they want this season, Maddie is thinking of others. May we all be more like Maddie this season!

Volunteer Spotlight: ESRI

We have some incredible programs at YouthHope that run every day. From tutoring to skills class, we are doing our best to help our youth expand their knowledge and job experiences to help them in the future.

One of our newest programs is a partnership with ESRI. ESRI sends down a team and puts on a mapping program for our youth to get them interested in this field of work and also to give them hands on experience that they can take with them on to other jobs.

It has been such a huge success with our youth. They come each week and are so excited to learn more and have the opportunity to learn this great program and they have a blast doing it.

ESRI is a global leader in GIS mapping technology. It was founded in Redlands by Jack and Laura Dangermond in 1969. A fun fact about ESRI is that growing up, Jack's family owned a plant nursery in Redlands. If you have ever been on or around the ESRI property, you know

how beautiful the landscape is. There is even a turtle pond.

ESRI found out about YouthHope through an employee's daughter that had spent the summer volunteering at YouthHope. ESRI is used by more than 350,000 organizations worldwide and when the people of ESRI made the connection of YouthHope there was an "aha" moment that ESRI has something to give to YouthHope which is practically ESRI's neighbor.

ESRI wanted to partner with YouthHope and offer such a valuable service because the mission of ESRI

and YouthHope are very similar. We both want to better our community and big things can happen when we come together.

Thank you so much ESRI for taking the time to invest in YouthHope and our youth. We are so overwhelmed at the generosity of your company and the kindness and patience of your staff.

Redlands is full of great people making our community better every day. We are so thankful for ESRI and how they are helping our youth.

Did You Know?

24% of our youth have attended/are attending college!

Success at YH

25 youth earned their Food Handler's Certificate this year!

A Note From the Founder



Another year in the books. I can't believe we are starting 2018 next month. This year has been such a great year for our youth. We've seen some great successes.

Some of the highlights have included seeing a handful of youth who have been with us since the beginning of YouthHope go off to 4 year universities. We have youth at UC Berkeley, Cal State Long Beach, St. Mary's College, Cal State San Bernardino, UC Riverside, and Humboldt.

Our youth have made me so

proud. They went from living on the streets, to now living in college dorm rooms.

I can't wait to hear all of the stories from our youth as they come home for Christmas.

Its moments like these that make me look back and realize how far we have come and how much of a difference we are making. We wouldn't be able to make such a difference without the constant support that you give YouthHope. Every donation, hour volunteered, conversation about

youth homelessness is what has allowed for such success to happen.

I hope you all enjoy this holiday season and enjoy the friends and family that you are surrounded with. I look forward to another year serving our community with you.

Remember us for your year end giving. We are a 501(c)3 and every donation is tax deductible.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!