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- Bill and Marty Knipps
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- Ann Whitlock



YouthHope's 7th Annual "A Walk in Their Shoes"



A Walk In Their Shoes

YouthHope cordially invites you to attend YouthHope's 7th Annual Benefit Dinner

A Walk in Their Shoes

February 16, 2018 with an awareness hour at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m.

\$75 per individual registration

\$500 per table reservation of 8 individuals

This event will take place at

The Mitten Building located at 345 N. 5th Street

Please RSVP by February 2, 2018

To ensure your spot, please go to www.youthhope.org/awalkintheirshoes

Fill out the form and submit your payment through the PayPal link on the page.

We are so excited to share this powerful evening with you. If you have any questions please email fundraiser@youthhope.org or call (909) 793-2345

Donor Spotlight: Ann Whitlock

We like to highlight our top donors here at YouthHope and give you a glimpse into their life and how they started donating to YouthHope!

Meet Ann. Ann is an incredible lady who runs several ministries in her community for widowed women. She counsels newly bereaved widows by creating a relationship where these women can struggle

through loneliness with support.

Ann has been a part of YouthHope since the very beginning as she is part of Heidi's family. She has always been supportive of YouthHope and has always wanted to see the mission of YouthHope come to life.

She believes in YouthHope and sees the fabulous work

done at helping youth. She is happy to see people tackling the homeless problem in our community.

When Ann isn't serving her community, she loves being surrounded by family enjoying their company.

Thank you so much Ann for supporting YouthHope and helping youth exit street life!

I Will Rise Above

I am a foster kid. I was in foster care my whole life. I never actually made it out of foster care. No one wanted me. As I got older, I knew what I could say to get out of any foster home I didn't like. So I jumped from foster home to foster home until I turned 18 and aged out. Then I was left on the street.

My mom was a drug addict and I was told from a young age that my dad died. When I aged out of foster care I learned that my dad was actually alive and I was determined to find him.

I eventually found him and moved out to the city where he lived. I found out quickly that my dad wanted nothing to do with me. He told everyone that I wasn't his son and he refused to see me or talk to me while I lived by him.

I ended up moving to Redlands and living on the streets. I got on some government assistance and decided this is how I was going to live.

As I lived on the streets, I started seeing that I didn't want to live like this forever. I had a new girlfriend and we wanted a better life for ourselves.

That's when we started going to YouthHope. They immediately started helping me by feeding us, clothing us, and providing options for jobs or education.

I decided that I wanted to have a job and work for my money. I was done living on government assistance. I didn't need it and I wanted to make a honest living.

Heidi found me a job training to attend at YouthHope. On the day of the training, I showed up an hour early. Everyone was shocked, but I was taking this seriously and I wouldn't let anything come in the way of me achieving my dreams.

Now I have two jobs, I have stopped getting government assistance, and have a place to live.

Do I still struggle? Yes. Do I make a bunch of money? No. But I am better today than I was yesterday. I have a future that looks bright and if I keep working hard, then I know that next year I might have some money to put away for savings. And in a few years, I will have enough to live in a better place.

The possibilities are endless. Without YouthHope, none of this would have been possible. They believed in me and gave me the tools I needed! Thank you YouthHope!

Did You Know?

We served over 800 youth in 2017. Of those 800, over 300 youth had never been to YouthHope before.

A Note From the Founder



We are getting ready and excited for our Annual Benefit Dinner "A Walk in Their Shoes".

Every year we are overwhelmed with the love and support that we receive during this fundraiser. My favorite part of the whole night is when we get to hear directly from our youth.

They are so brave to come up and share with everyone and it reminds me that what we are doing at YouthHope is important and it is helping youth every day.

I hope you will join us this year

for an eye opening night of youth homelessness and how you can be a direct help in helping youth become self-sufficient.

This year is off to a great start. Our youth are working hard to achieve their goals and dreams.

One specific thing that has really made me proud is seeing our youth fix their record. If they have unpaid tickets, or missed court dates, youth are going down to the courthouses and getting their record fixed. They know that if they want to move forward, they

need to make themselves right before the law. I'm so proud of them and the courage that they are showing.

Since 2009, we have seen over 3000 different youth. This number continues to grow each year. More youth need help and are reaching out for us to give them a hand. I know we will see great things this year as we serve our youth!