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Shoes for Christmas - Hope For a Lifetime



Christmas is quickly approaching and we are so excited to start our annual Christmas Shoe Drive!

Every year our goal is to provide a brand new pair of shoes to each of our youth. For the majority of our youth, this is the only present they will receive all year! They treasure these shoes and look forward to our Christmas party all year.

If you walk around YouthHope during our Drop-in

Center times, you will still see several of our youth wearing their shoes that they received last year. The shoes have faded, have several holes in them, and the soles are wearing thin, but our youth treasure these shoes and hold on to them so they are reminded daily how loved they are by their community.

Last year we handed out 331 pairs of shoes and we are hoping to hand out more this year.

There is no way that we can accomplish this without your help! Please help and purchase some shoes.

Shoes can be purchased from **Active Boardshop**. We are so excited to partner with Active and are so thankful for their generosity. They are located at **27514 W. Lugonia Ave. Ste A, Redlands, CA 92374**

Each shoe costs \$49.99 and comes with a free pair of socks!

For more information and updates, please visit

www.youthhope.org/donate/Christmas-shoes



How to Purchase Shoes for our Christmas Drive

There are several ways for you to support our Christmas Shoe Drive:

- Pick up a shoe card(s) from YouthHope that has a specific youth on it, take the card to Active Boardshop and they will have the specific shoes for that youth
- If you don't have a card, you can still go to Active, tell them you want to participate in the YouthHope Shoe Drive and they will have a pair of shoes for you to purchase
 - You can also donate money towards the shoe drive by visiting www.youthhope.org/donate/christmas-shoes and clicking the "buy now" button.

Where Do I Go From Here?

Have you ever felt invisible? Like people look right through you? They don't see you screaming for help or they don't see you running for your life?

This is me. I have struggled my whole life to have a loving family, a stable home, a safe space. I don't have any of these things in my life and it seems like things just continue to worsen.

In my younger years, I lived with my mom and step dad. My mom had a drinking problem which turned into an anger problem. When she was mad she would get physical. She would hit me and hit me and hit me. My Aunt turned her into CPS and I was removed from the home in my early teens.

I moved from foster home to foster home. There was no family that I fit into and my social worker was getting tired of me causing so many problems. The last time that she picked me up to take me to my next foster home, she stopped to get gas and I jumped out of the

car. She didn't chase me or even try to stop me. She just watched.

Even though I was so glad to be out of the states care, I now was homeless. As a young girl on the streets, I had put myself in one of the most dangerous situations. I was quickly found by a man who promised to take care of me as long as I did what he wanted.

This has led to months of terrible abuse. I heard about YouthHope and ran to the Drop-In Center. I talked to Heidi and she instantly started making phone calls.

Heidi asked me what I want to do. Where do I want to go? And honestly, I didn't have an answer. I don't know what I want. I just know I don't want to stay where I am.

So at this point I am still deciding. YouthHope has provided so many options for me and I just need to make sure that the decision I make is the best one for me.

For now, YouthHope has me in a safe place until I make a more permanent decision. I'm so thankful for YouthHope and the hope and safety they have provided me!

Did You Know?

80% of our youth suffer with some type of mental illness.

A Note From the Founder



We had a great time at our "Day in The Park" last month. It was a huge success and we got to see so many of our supporters.

We had some of the most beautiful cars there along with amazing vendors and great food!

This day would not have been a success without the support from the car owners and vendors. Thank you to everyone that participated and everyone that came out to enjoy our event.

A special thank you to Supervi-

sor James Ramos for coming out and supporting YouthHope. We are so thankful for his continued support.

We are starting our holiday season at YouthHope. This means that we are starting our Christmas Shoe Drive which is one of my favorite things we do at YouthHope. We know that this gift will likely be the only gift they receive this year and also this will be the only celebration that they have, so we want to show them how proud and how

much we love each youth!

Make sure you buy a pair or a few pairs of shoes and make a difference in the life of our youth! We also need volunteers for our Christmas celebration. If you are interested, please email info@youthhope.org to sign up!

Thank you for making this the best holiday season!