

NEWSLETTER



SUCCESS STORY!

Nineteen year old Molly Armenta's level of self-confidence and sense of style indicate that this is one very special young lady. A Sunnyside High School 2005 graduate, Molly participated in the district's Jobs for Arizona Graduates program (JAG) her senior year while working at Los Niños Elementary School. "I coordinated after-school activities for 35 first and

second graders," she stated. "My plan was to go to trade school to become a hair stylist. I was all set to go."

Suddenly her car constantly began to break down. "I needed to buy a decent car to attend classes and most of my money was going toward basic needs and rent: a big old circle," she explained with a laugh, shaking her head in disbelief. Molly is no stranger to handling life's twists and turns. In a very upbeat yet pragmatic manner she revealed how she became a YOTO student. And it also became apparent why she exudes such presence and maturity at only 19 years old.

Molly's first battle for survival began at only four years old when she was diagnosed with leukemia. "I was one of the first to receive a bone marrow transplant as a child," she noted. She lived with her parents and siblings at the time, and her older sister was a match. The surgical procedure took place in Omaha, Nebraska. "...it was snowing..." she said. A rare, memorable experience since she is a native Arizonan. Regarding her two-year recovery, she remembers her hair fell out, and that she had trouble eating due to all the drug therapies. Fortunately, Molly recovered fully and remains the picture of health.

"My father passed away when I was ten," she continued. Whether it was accidental or a suicide was difficult to ascertain due to his substance abuse. "He sold and abused drugs: I heard two gun shots... and after my father died, my mother changed." Life's stresses took their toll. Molly's mother abused alcohol; married and remarried numerous times. The family also grew to seven: she has four brothers and two sisters. She described her middle school years as "just bouncing, bouncing, bouncing" from town to town throughout Arizona. Her studies suffered from the lack of stability. "I didn't have any friends," she stated.

Upon entering high school in Tucson, she wished desperately to be settled in one place. "I heard about YOTO from a classmate at Sunnyside at the beginning of my sophomore year. She told me 'it was a really good program.'" Molly spoke with her school counselor and asked what she needed to do to get help to complete high school at Sunnyside. Her older sister assisted her with housing, and YOTO provided Molly with financial

Story continued page 3

SAVE THE DATE! SAHBA Carnival de Golfe Friday, September 14, 2007

6:30 am - Noon
Omni Tucson National Golf Resort & Spa
2727 W. Club Drive in Tucson

Golf, lunch, awards & silent auction
For information or to register call Valerie Wiklund at 795.5114

6th Annual SaddleBrooke Tennis Club (STC) Serve 'Em Up For Charity Tennis Event Saturday, November 3, 2007

8:00 am - Noon
SaddleBrooke Tennis Center
64336 E. SaddleBrooke Blvd.

Community silent auction & sponsorships available
For information call Sarah at 818.0114 or log onto stccharities.org

Proceeds from these events benefit YOTO and other deserving community nonprofit organizations

INSIDE WAY TO GO GRADS! YOTO Student 2007 Graduation Highlights

Turn to pages 4-6



Flowing Wells HS graduates celebrate their accomplishment.





A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the strains of “Pomp and Circumstance” faded from the stages of the local high schools where more than 151 “YOTO Kids” proudly received their diplomas, YOTO’s 20th academic year came to a close. Since YOTO continues to provide services to homeless teens throughout the summer, we remain busy during this time; however, the pace is not quite as hectic as it is during the school year and I have had some opportunity to reflect on the last year – my first as the Executive Director of YOTO. In doing so, I find it important to give thanks to the many who provide so much to this agency and those we serve.

To all of the individuals, corporations, foundations, churches, civic clubs, youth groups, professional associations, and athletic teams who so generously contribute the funds that help this agency survive and thrive, I say a most humble and heartfelt thank you. Your continued support, from the piggy bank we received from one individual to the bequest we received from another – and everything in between – provides an outstanding level of service for our student.

To the government leaders and administrative staff of Pima County and the City of Tucson: thank you for your care and concern for those we serve and for the significant impact of your grants, which provide direct cash assistance to our students in the forms of stipends and special needs support.

Three groups, in particular, who organize incredible special events each year to support Youth On Their Own deserve special kudos: the Arizona Roofing Contractors Association (ARCA) of Tucson, who put on a very successful (and fun) bowling tournament in June that beat all past fundraising records for the event; the Tucson Car Auction organizers, who collectively provided over \$66,000 in cash support from their Spring event; and of course, our own Top of The Town Committee, who worked tirelessly to create a memorable and successful March gala.

To the YOTO Board: thank you for all you do to govern this agency so that it remains fiscally sound and responsive to the needs of the homeless teens we serve. Your dedication to the Strategic Planning process ensures that YOTO will continue to be focused and resilient, making Tucson proud that this agency is “home grown.”

To the volunteers who extend the reach of the staff by their dedicated presence: we look forward to creating new volunteer opportunities within the next year that will keep you involved and nurture the participation of others in accomplishing YOTO’s Mission. In the meantime, we are grateful for your amazing gifts of time and talent.

To local school personnel, especially those who volunteer their time as “YOTO Liaisons,” on top of everything else they do in the school as principals, teachers, counselors, dropout prevention specialists, etc: without you serving on the “front lines” and connecting YOTO with kids in need, we would never be able to assist as many students. Our partnership with you is most appreciated.

To the YOTO Staff: no doubt, it’s tough to get a new boss, but all of you were so welcoming and assisted me greatly. Your dedication and passion for the youth you serve, both individually and collectively, are palpable. While we are sad to lose two individuals, Sandy Bohn and Judith Koester, who have been with YOTO a long time, we wish them the best in their new endeavors and are happy to know that they plan to return to us as volunteers or contract staff. Each has affected the lives of hundreds of students over their careers here and, on behalf of those students, I sincerely thank you.

And, finally, to the “YOTO Kids,” themselves: what an inspiration you are! Being a teenager in the 21st century is daunting, even when you have parents to support you and resources at your fingertips. It is especially hard for those of you who are on your own, yet you remain committed to attending and performing in school and know that by doing so positions you for success in the future. It is a privilege to serve you!

As we close out 2006-07 and pause to catch a breath before the start of the 2007-08 academic year – the beginning of YOTO’s third decade – let me again say how grateful I am for the privilege of serving YOTO as its Executive Director. I look forward to working with all of you over the next year!

Regards,
Mary Gruensfelder-Cox, MPA
 Executive Director



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Members of the Board applaud the 151 students who recently received their high school diplomas. We wish each young woman and man much success in the future. The motivation, hard work, and determination of YOTO students – coupled with agency financial assistance and support – can make what is seemingly impossible for many homeless youth come to fruition. In May 2007, 17 students were also named “Arizona Daily Star” Senior Class Achievers, which honors Southern Arizona’s most inspiring graduates. Congratulations to all!

More good news: Youth On Their Own received a prestigious award from the Jewish Federation of Southern Arizona in May. As part of the organization’s annual meeting, YOTO Board President-Elect Marian Conrad LaLonde accepted The Meyer and Libby Marmis Humanitarian Award, which honors an individual or group for significant and lasting contributions in the fields of human welfare and social reform on behalf of the people of our region.

Youth On Their Own wound up the 2006 – 2007 academic year by completing a year-long comprehensive strategic planning process. I want to thank all YOTO stakeholders from Board to community members for their expertise and input. Mission driven, the Strategic Plan creates a five-year blueprint; approval of the final Plan will be voted upon at the August Board of Directors meeting.

We look forward to another exceptional year of community generosity and student accomplishments. On behalf of each Board member, thank you for your trust and investment in YOTO.

Rudy Carrilla, President
Board of Directors

ACADEMIC YEAR 2006-07 SUMMARY STUDENT STATISTICS

Students Served (all grades): 557

Attended 76 different schools throughout metro-Tucson:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| 93% in high school | 69% were ages 14 – 18 |
| 5% in middle school | 26% were ages 19 – 22** |
| 2% in elementary school* | 5% were ages 8 – 13 |
| | 60% female/40% male |

Top Six Reasons for Leaving Home:

- | | |
|---------------------|---|
| Parental drug abuse | Conflict w/step-parent or live-in boyfriend |
| Abandonment | Parental incarceration |
| Parent(s) deceased | Poverty |

Graduates:

- 151 students
- 17 recognized as 2007 “Arizona Daily Star” Senior Class Achievers
- 17 YOTO scholarships distributed

* Elementary school students are generally siblings of YOTO teens.
** Older students are generally enrolled in charter schools.

SUCCESS STORY

Continued From Cover...

assistance, basic needs, and guidance for three years until graduation. “The stipend really helped me,” Molly stated. She also took advantage of learning important life skills by participating in the Strategies For Success program.

Unstoppable and extremely resourceful, Molly currently works with a temporary agency to build up her funds, and she recently purchased a car. The interruption to her original post-graduate plan – perhaps a blessing in disguise – opened up exciting new career possibilities. Serendipitously, her current assignment brought her to YOTO. Molly is an organized and eager, quick learner. Her abilities and work ethic underscore the productivity of YOTO alumni within our community. Many of whom, unbeknownst to you, may be working at your side. We’re proud of you, Molly!

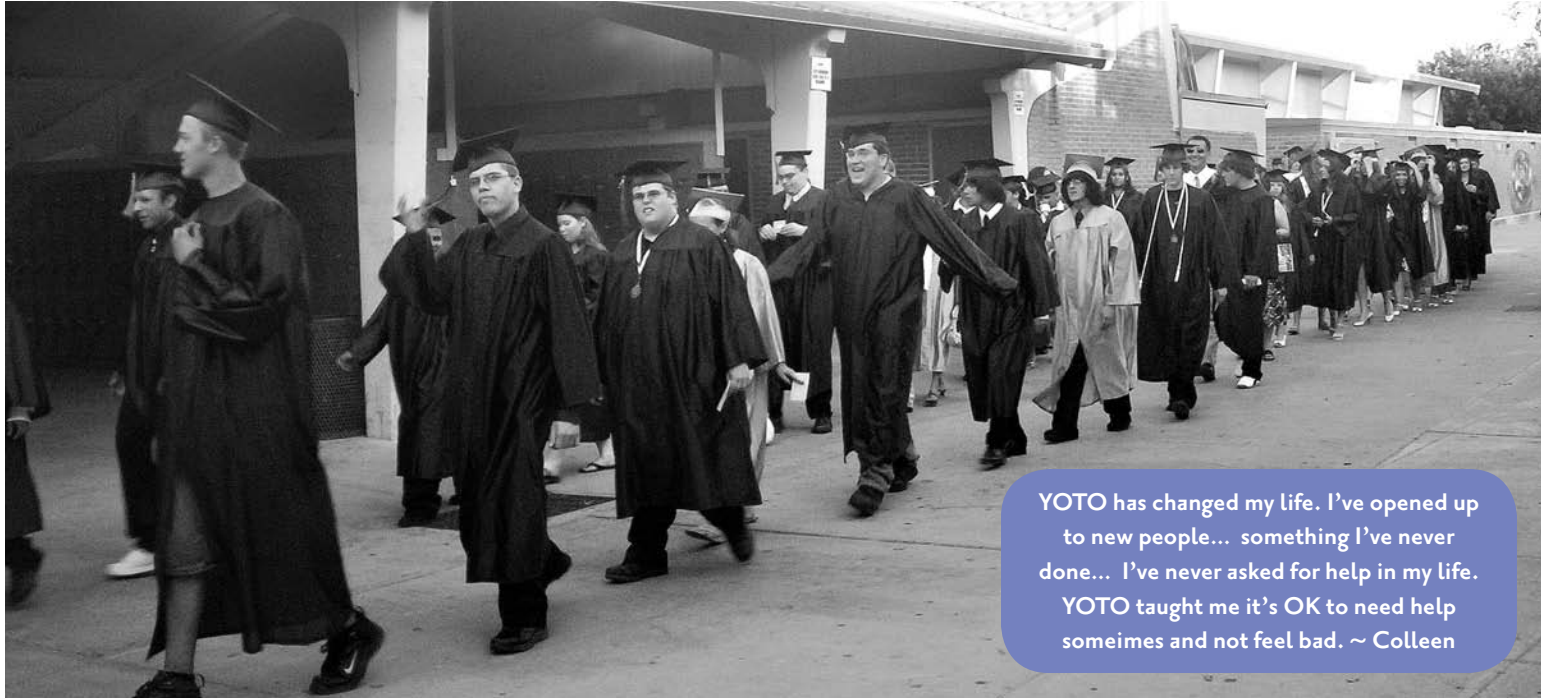
ACADEMIC YEAR 2006-07 SUMMARY PROVIDED SERVICES

Bus passes: 345 Doctor: 85 Diapers: 6,080 Mini Mall visits: 914 Toys for Tots: 96



★ 151 YOTO STUDENTS “TAKE THE WALK!”

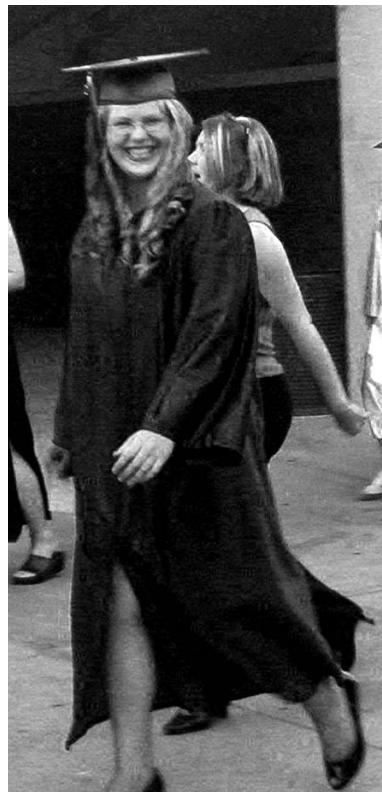
Congratulations Graduates! YOTO really hummed with anticipation and excitement during May through late June. Staff members attended student evening graduations held throughout the metro area. Many students stopped by the office to receive “high fives” and to show off their well-deserved high school diplomas, ending conversations with plans to keep in touch, a smile, and a wave.



YOTO has changed my life. I've opened up to new people... something I've never done... I've never asked for help in my life. YOTO taught me it's OK to need help sometimes and not feel bad. ~ Colleen



YOTO motivated me so much to keep moving on. That would not have been easy a year ago. ~ Susie



Youth On their Own has helped me so much - emotionally, financially, and with school... I don't think I would have graduated without them. I just wish I could do something to give back to YOTO. ~ Pete



...many young kids are helped by the services. YOTO gives them a reason to keep going and trying hard. You give every youth member a reason to feel great about what they do accomplish. Thank you. ~ Kurt



They were there for me in a lot of those hard times, and I really appreciate that.
~ Paula

Thanks for caring when I felt like no one did. ~ Dan



Graduates completed a Senior Exit Survey to update their contact information and to apprise staff of their future work and educational goals. The survey return rate was over 30 percent and indicates graduates' current plans:

- Attend a four-year university or Pima Community College.....62%
- Trade School24%
- Work/Military..... 16%*
- Undecided 5%

* Some graduates will enter the military and attend college



YOTO is a great program for kids that need someone or help. Thank you!
~ Jessica

YOTO Graduates by School District and Charter School

Amphitheater	14
Flowing Wells.....	8
Marana	9
Sunnyside	14
Tucson Unified	71
Vail.....	1
ACE/TYD	7
Alta Vista	1
Aztlán	1
Calli Ollin.....	1
Eastpointe.....	4
Edge.....	2
Luz Academy of Tucson.....	3
Nosotros Charter.....	2
Nosotros Alternative	1
Pima Vocational.....	8
PPEP TEC	3
Tucson Preparatory.....	2

They helped me pay for my expenses and find housing. I really liked the program. ~ Juan



I have never met so many nice people willing to help a bunch of teens! ~ Tony

Arizona Daily Star Senior Class Achievers 2007

- Jeff Axsom Cholla HS
- Noelle Cirelli San Joaquin HS
- Michael Cordero Canyon Del Oro HS
- Josephina Cota..... Sunnyside HS
- Michelle Dains..... Tucson HS
- Joanna Fedele Project MORE
- Clarissa Gutierrez Cholla HS
- Daysha Haywood PPEP TEC HS
- Chandria Mosher Amphitheater HS
- Elena Noriega..... PACE HS
- Luis Padres Luz Academy of Tucson
- Aria Parish Flowing Wells HS
- Victoria Salazar..... PACE HS
- Laura Schaum Presidio HS
- Amber Lin Smith..... Rincon HS
- Amanda Sullivan Amphitheater HS
- Jem Valdillez..... Pueblo HS

YOTO helped me get underway with my life and get through high school successfully... the experience was wonderful. ~ James





★ YOTO STUDENT GRADUATION PARTY

The Annual YOTO Student Graduation Party carves out a time from busy year-end activities to kick back, celebrate, and say “Good-bye” before students officially leave the program upon graduation. Held on Friday night, May 4 at La Posada Hotel, over 100 elated soon-to-be grads, staff, Board members, and supporters enjoyed friendship, BBQ from Golden Corral, and entertainment by Desert DJ and Shadow Beat Records. A number of students, with a lucky draw, also went home with a raffle item.



A sincere thanks to the following sponsors for providing such a memorable evening!

- Desert DJ
- Golden Corral
- La Posada Hotel
- Pepsi
- Shadow Beat Records
- Rewind
- Innocence
- Kandi
- | -5
- Robert and Imelda Bedell
- Phyllis Bement
- Chris Brandon
- Gary Braxton
- John and Deb Gracie
- Bob and Karen Kreiling
- Donna M. Schmale
- Dr. and Mrs. Robert Thomassen



A grateful nod to Dr. Thomas Eyler for photographing the evening's celebration.



★ ★
ARCA ANNUAL BOWLING TOURNAMENT
“RAISES THE ROOF”
FOR YOTO STUDENTS – Proceeds top \$25,000!

STRIKE! The 4th Annual Arizona Roofing Contractors Association’s (ARCA) Charity Bowling Tournament held June 16 at Golden Pin Lanes was a phenomenal success. Teams of six members each bowled from noon to four to benefit Youth On Their Own students. This year’s theme – Sports Teams! Sports Fans! – added to the well-organized event by encouraging guests to dress in costume. Activities included Best Costume and Team awards, a silent auction and raffle, prize lane bowling, lunch, and loads of fun.

Thank you to ARCA Committee Volunteers, Golden Pin Lanes, event financial partners, guests, bowling team sponsors, and special event sponsors that made this afternoon possible. Special recognition and kudos go to Event Chair Sam Brush, Allied Building Products; Co-Chairs Harless Oscislawski, E-las-tek, and Scott Ekstrom of Ralph Hays Roofing.



★ 1



★ 2



★ 3



★ 4



★ 5



★ 6



★ 7

Photos:

1. Youngsters bowled for prizes
2. E-las-tek Team
3. Headlee Roofing Company Team
4. The Silent Auction featured jewelry to sports memorabilia
5. Oscislawski Family Team Members
6. Ralph Hays Roofing Team
7. Gearing up to bowl a strike

ARCA Committee Volunteers

Aaron Bell, Eagle Roofing Products
 Dan Cohen, ARCA
 David Drach, Western States Business Insurance
 Gina Babunovic, Youth On Their Own
 Joe Simms, JBS Product Development
 Karen Chavez, ARCA
 Pete Tountas, Golden Pin Lanes
 Rick D’Alessio, Allied Building Products
 Sandy Oscislawski, E-las-tek
 Steve Mink, E-las-tek

Cindy Ashenbrenner, Rincon Roofing
 Dave Metz, Westile Oldcastle
 Frank Ortiz, Arizona Sun Roofing
 Jim Viberg, JEV Roofing
 Joseph Chavez, ARCA
 Martin Headlee, Headlee Roofing
 Rene Lujan, APOC
 Ron Theobald, Progressive Roofing
 Scott Aguilar, Westile Oldcastle



WAYS TO SHARE & CARE

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES



Thomas Eyler, D. O. of Oracle-Prince Family Practice, Ltd.

Thomas Eyler, D. O. and daughter Michelle Eyler, D. O. of Oracle-Prince Family Practice, Ltd. are YOTO's own "Angels of Mercy." Preventive medicine, healing the ill, and service to the community are family traditions in the Eyler household. This year they tended to the physical well-being of dozens of YOTO students who did not have access to health insurance. Much gratitude to Tom, Michelle, and staff members for their support and kindness.

COMMUNITY GIVING



Rodney Glassman of The Glassman Foundation made a donation in YOTO's name to the American Lung Association of Southern Arizona in support of their Annual Ducky Derby. The agency received the "V.I.D." Corporate Package, which included the possibility of winning \$2,500 to assist YOTO students! Alas, the little racer ducks and Corporate Duck had minds of their own, as ducks often do, and each decided to choose a different path other than one that led to the finish line. Mr. Glassman, thank you!

UNDERWRITING OPPORTUNITIES

Youth On Their Own offers a variety of marketing and communication underwriting and sponsorship opportunities to the metro-Tucson community designed to:

- ★ encourage private sector involvement that positively impacts Tucson's quality of life and future economic vitality;
- ★ strengthen existing agency-community bonds and create new partnerships;
- ★ educate community members regarding the issues and needs of homeless and unaccompanied youth and the importance of their attaining a high school diploma;
- ★ enhance community awareness and understanding of agency goals in accordance with YOTO's Mission and Strategic Plan;
- ★ defray the production costs of print and electronic marketing materials to direct as many funds possible to student client programs and services; and,
- ★ create metro-wide agency recognition, visibility, and increased student client support.

With you behind them, they are not alone!

Please contact YOTO at 293.1136 to learn more.

PLANNED GIVING

The following individuals made the "ultimate gift" to YOTO by remembering the agency in their estate plans. Upon their passing, YOTO's student clients began to benefit from their generosity. We gratefully recognize them in memoriam.

**Anonymous W.
(Unrestricted Bequest)**

**Evelyn E. Raupp
(Unrestricted Bequest)**

CIVIC AND SERVICE CLUB SUPPORT



(L to R) Lana Jones, Fundraising Committee member; Gina Babunovic, YOTO; Andrea Goertz, Charity Liaison; not pictured Pat Overholser, Fundraising Chair; Sue Maki, Club President.

The Newcomers Club of Tucson awarded YOTO \$8,515 as the chosen beneficiary of their philanthropic efforts over the past year. Funds were raised from the sale of "Tucson Cooks!", a cookbook filled with delicious favorite recipes from the Club's 400 plus membership, along with a fabulous wine-tasting, silent auction event. The Club also selected YOTO as the beneficiary of their fundraisers for a second year in 2007-08. The organization's generous contribution and continued assistance are greatly appreciated.



★ YOTO NEEDS YOU!

TRUCKS AND MUSCLES

Volunteers needed on an “on call” basis! On occasion Youth On Their Own receives calls regarding contributions of household goods, such as small couches and student desks, which are perfect for student use but the donor is unable to deliver items to the YOTO office. If you have a vehicle that can accommodate large items and are willing to pick-up items and deliver them to YOTO, please call 293.1136.

UNITED WAY DAYS OF CARING 2007

Youth On Their Own is a participating agency in this year’s United Way Days of Caring event held on Wednesday, October 3 and Saturday, October 6. This community-wide event pairs volunteers from Tucson’s corporate community with local nonprofit organizations to work on one-time service projects. For further information about YOTO’s on-site project details and to sign up to volunteer online, log onto http://www.volunteersolutions.org/vctucson/user/events/one.tcl?event_id=10236519481.

CHARITABLE GIVING TAX TIP

Are You Age 70½ or Older? Consider an IRA Rollover to Support YOTO!

For the remainder of 2007, the Charitable IRA Rollover permits taxpayers age 70½ or older to make tax-free charitable gifts totaling up to \$100,000 per year from traditional and Roth Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs).

Taxpayers older than 70½ are required to make annual distributions from their retirement accounts, include the distributions in their adjusted gross income (AGI) and pay taxes on them. The Charitable IRA Rollover permits taxpayers to make donations directly to charitable organizations such as YOTO from their IRAs without counting them as part of the AGI and paying taxes on them. The Charitable IRA Rollover can benefit taxpayers who don’t itemize their deductions, as well as those who itemize, but who have reached the charitable giving limit.

If you are an older citizen who is vulnerable to paying taxes on the distributions from your IRA, see your personal financial advisor now, since this provision of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 is possible only for gifts made by December 31, 2007. Youth On Their Own qualifies as a public charity under the provision and will provide you with the written receipt necessary to take advantage of the tax savings, as long as you ask your IRA administrator to share your contact information with YOTO at the time the gift is made.

At YOTO, every \$1,500 in charitable contributions provides one student with a full-year of services from YOTO. The Charitable IRA Rollover is a great way to direct some of your invested retirement dollars toward homeless students who are investing in their own futures by obtaining their high school diplomas.

This information was obtained, in part, from The Independent Sector, and is intended to provide general guidance. It is not a substitute for professional financial counsel.

★ VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



Roger and Mary Baglien are quite the dynamic duo in both life and service to others. This husband and wife team became avid YOTO supporters since their move to Tucson over three years ago. The couple met in Minneapolis where Roger was a pilot and instructor for Northwest Airlines and Mary worked in the field of human resources. Upon retirement, they picked up their two adorable pups named Rocky and Jett and relocated to sunny Tucson. They take advantage of Roger’s retirement perks, traveling all over the world. “I have an appreciation for different cultures. All are wonderful, warm, interesting people,” stated Mary.

But one of life’s greatest rewards is working with YOTO students. They have volunteered in a variety of capacities, bringing a special gift that homeless and unaccompanied youth lack in their lives: consistency, guidance, and knowing that someone cares. The two were spotted spinning cotton candy at last fall’s Back-to-School Kickoff Party and attend many agency and student events.

Under the supervision of Program Coordinator Sandy Bohn, they stepped in last January to continue the Strategies For Success program, which ended in May. Classes were held downtown once per week and Roger and Mary followed YOTO’s curriculum. Responsibilities included lining up speakers for student presentations that focused on various life skills from goal setting, interviewing, and financials to career exploration. And of course, they always made certain there were plenty of goodies for the students to munch on.

Roger and Mary, thank you each for sharing and caring. You make a difference in the lives of so many YOTO youth.

★ YOUTH ON THEIR OWN MISSION STATEMENT: We are dedicated to support the high school graduation and continued success of homeless youth by providing financial assistance, basic human needs and guidance.



DONATION GUIDE FOR YOTO STUDENT BASIC NEEDS

Dear YOTO Supporter,

Youth On Their Own appreciates your contributions of clothing, food, household goods, personal hygiene items, and school supplies. Your thoughtfulness greatly assists students with their basic needs as they pursue a high school diploma.

The agency serves a very specific population – young men and women ages 13 – 21. Listed are items most required for this age group, and as such, always in demand. Please feel free to contact the office at 293.1136 if you have any questions about the acceptance of certain items, or before delivery of large household items as our storage space is limited.

For contributions of clothing and other goods that are not age appropriate, **please don't discard them!** Big Brothers Big Sisters of Tucson is capable of processing and distributing these types of donations. Click on the Donation Center button at www.tucsonbigs.org for their pick-up schedule and further details.

YOTO is unable to accept donations of office furniture. We recommend that office furniture and equipment be donated to Pima Computer Recycling, formerly called Desert Waste Not, where it will be available to many area nonprofits. Contact Eva Macias at 623.7162 for pick-up or delivery details.

Maria Castro

YOTO Operations

YOTO STUDENT BASIC NEEDS *Indicates greatest needs

Gift Cards*

Fry's, Safeway, fuel,
Target, Wal-Mart, Tucson Mall, etc.

Non-Perishable Food Items*

Spaghetti, canned sauce
Canned corn, green beans, fruit
Crackers
Peanut butter/jelly
Cereal
Chips
Noodle mixes (i.e. Pasta Roni)
Chef Boyardee/Ravioli
Mac and Cheese
Formula/Baby food
Bottled water

Hygiene Items*

YOTO welcomes donations of pre-assembled hygiene kits. Please start with a one-gallon Ziploc® bag, then add the following new, unopened items to create a male or female kit:

Male

Shampoo 15 oz.
Conditioner 15 oz.
Bar of soap 4.5 oz.
Toothbrush
Toothpaste 4.6 oz.
Deodorant 1.7 oz.
Disposable razors (2)
Shaving cream 2.75 oz.

Female

Shampoo 15 oz.
Conditioner 15 oz.
Bar of soap 4.5 oz.
Toothbrush
Toothpaste 4.6 oz.
Deodorant 1.7 oz.
Disposable razors (2)
Shaving cream 2.75 oz.

Small plastic bottles of lotion, mouthwash, combs and brushes, hair products (gel, hairspray), face cleanser; feminine sanitary products in their original packaging; donations of single gender-oriented hygiene items that contribute to making up a complete male or female kit.

Clothes & Shoes

(New)
Underwear and socks
• Male underwear sizes 34 – 40
• Male socks sizes 10 – 14
• Female socks sizes 9 – 11

(Gently used)
Clothing (male/female teen-sized;
IX – 3X women)
Fairly new sports and dress shoes

Furniture

Full/Queen mattresses
and box springs
Small couches
Small desks
Dressers
Tables/Chairs
TVs
Microwaves

School Supplies

Backpacks/Date books
Spiral notebooks
Binders/Pocket folders
Notebook paper
Pens/Pencils/Pencil cases
Colored pencils/markers
Glue sticks/Erasers
Notebook dividers
Calculators/Compasses
Rulers/Protractors

Miscellaneous Items

Full/Queen bedding/blankets
Pillows
Pots and pans
Dishes/Glassware
Silverware/Cooking Utensils
Cleaning supplies/Paper towels
Laundry soap/Dryer sheets
Sunglasses
Diapers (all sizes; toddler pull-up type)
Baby wipes



★ STUDENTS ★ HELPING STUDENTS

On July 25, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church's Middle School Youth Group visited YOTO with a twofold mission. Twenty-three youth, ages 11 to 15, toured the site to understand who the agency serves, why, and how. Then, having also arrived armed with a plethora of hygiene items, they went to work assembling their contributions to produce 35 complete hygiene kits for YOTO student clients. Thank you!



Five Flowing Wells High School students assisted staff during July as part of their study on community nonprofits for a Government summer school class. They each gained first-hand experience in the various aspects of agency operations, ranging from sorting donated clothing to greeting and assisting visitors.



(L to R) Sandy Bohn and Judith Koester have each served YOTO students for seven years.

A FOND ★ FAREWELL ★

The caring atmosphere YOTO students sense and frequently note when visiting the office is an agency hallmark since its inception 20 years ago. Over the past seven years, Program Coordinator Sandy Bohn and Student Advocate Judith Koester were the gatekeepers of YOTO's legacy as a safe place where students – emotionally abused, neglected, and often physically or sexually abused – learn to trust, to reach out, and to seek help void of prejudice and judgment. With deep appreciation and gratitude, we say good-bye to our colleagues as they each have chosen to pursue opportunities outside the nonprofit world. Thank you for sharing your unique talents – and the ability to wear “many hats” over the years – which assisted so many students in receiving their high school diplomas. Sandy and Judith, your daily presence will be missed!

YOUTH ON THEIR OWN

A non-profit 501 (c) (3) Organization

1443 W Prince Rd

Tucson AZ 85705

www.yoto.org

NON-PROFIT ORG.

US POSTAGE

PAID

TUCSON AZ

PERMIT NO. 471

Board of Directors

Rudy Carrillo, President

Marian Conrad LaLonde, President-Elect

Patti Yenerich, Vice President

Martin Falkowski, Treasurer

Suzanne Emam, Secretary

Michael Bolchalk, Michael Engs, Ph.D., Thomas Eyley D.O.,

Priscilla Suarez Flores, Michael Hanson, Jean Jarvis,

Fred McConnell, Lorraine McPherson, Lane Oden,

Lisa Rankin, Nancy Strauss, Patrick Tierney, Ann Young

YOUTH ON THEIR OWN



ALERT!

YOTO Annual Student Holiday Party

Friday, December 14, 2007

5:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Son Life Chapel

2955 W. Ironwood Hill Drive

Tucson, AZ 85745

Youth On Their Own staff, local businesses, organizations, and individual supporters come together each year to throw a fantastic holiday celebration for Youth On Their Own students. This is truly the biggest agency event held specifically for the students in order for them to share friendship and good times during a season that is traditionally family-oriented.

The success of the event largely depends upon community support. Please consider sponsoring a gift room this year. Also, the raffle is a big part of the fun and YOTO is in need of new, unwrapped items. We'll post a list of suggested raffle donation items in the Fall newsletter and on the YOTO website.

For information about a Holiday Party gift room sponsorship, contact Gina Babunovic at 293.1136 x 208 or gbabunovic@yoto.org.

Editor's Corner

YOTO's newsletter is published on a quarterly basis.

Please send your comments, suggestions or change of address to:

Gina Babunovic

**Communications &
Development Manager**

520.293.1136

gbabunovic@yoto.org

Thank you!