

YOUTH ON THEIR OWN

# NEWSLETTER



**YOUTH ON THEIR OWN**  
Celebrating community generosity  
and bright futures for homeless teens



## SUCCESS STORY!

Stephanie Calderón weaved her way through the campus lunch crowd, greeting friends with a wide grin. Currently completing her freshman year at the University of Arizona, she appeared right at home. “My plan is to go to medical school,” she stated enthusiastically in between bites of her sandwich. She is majoring in Biology with a double major in Spanish.

Stephanie’s bright smile and soft brown eyes reflect her half-full attitude toward life. The 2006 Rincon High School graduate admitted, however, that the smile she wore to high school each day was merely a façade. “People thought of me as a totally different person; that I came from a ‘normal’ family.”

She has no relationship with her alcoholic father; her single-parent mother suffered from depression. Stephanie, the oldest of three siblings, bore the brunt of her mother’s struggles. “It was not a safe environment,” she stated. “She took everything out on me.” At night, she slept in her car or at various friends’ homes while she attended school and worked full-time.

In time, the daily conflict eroded her spirit, well-being and trust. There came a point when all Stephanie craved was rest and sleep, and she failed to see the point of school, let alone a high school diploma. Her school counselor became concerned when she missed classes and her grades took a downward spiral. “I broke down and told him about my home life, and he told me about Youth On Their Own,” she said. “I was hesitant and he told me how great the program was and how it would make my life easier to be able to finish school and to find a place to live.”

This courageous young woman credits YOTO staff and a childhood mentor, with whom she later lived, with her renewed sense of life purpose. The monthly stipend helped her buy food, and she noted the staff is truly passionate about what they do. “Noni’s [her YOTO Student Advocate] ability to listen and understand in a non-judgmental manner assisted me greatly,” she stated. “I learned to reach out.”

Stephanie received The Martin C. Bedell Helping Hand Scholarship Award in 2005 and also attended a leadership program in Alaska through STEP (Student Expedition Program). “I learned that I can be like water,” she said, regarding her STEP experience. “Water changes and adapts. It can flow, drip, fall, rise, anything. And I learned that I have no barriers.”

Focused on the future, Stephanie’s smile is genuine inside and out.

## SAVE THE DATE!

### 4th Annual ARCA Charity Bowling Tournament

Saturday, June 16, 2007

Noon – 4 pm

Golden Pin Lanes

1010 W. Miracle Mile in Tucson

#### Arizona Roofing Contractors Association “Raising the Roof for Youth On Their Own”

Door Prizes, Silent Auction, Raffle

Teams now forming (six bowlers per team)

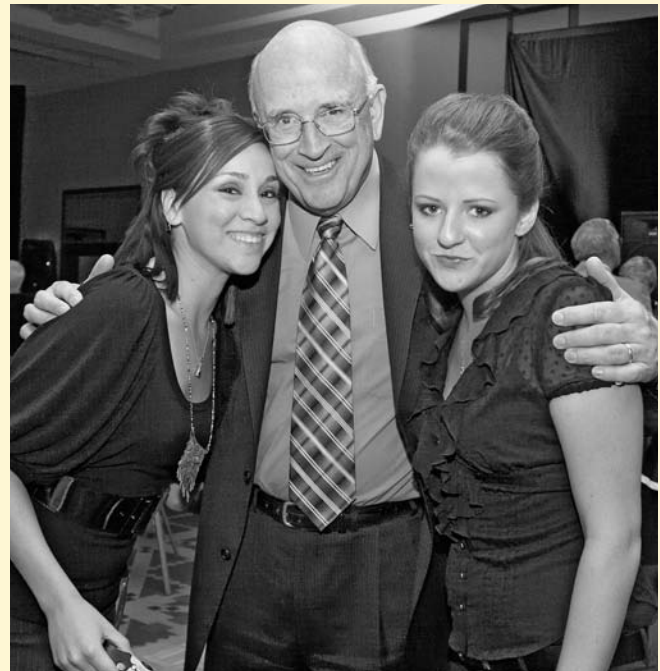
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All event proceeds benefit Youth On Their Own

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Tucson Mayor Bob Walkup with student scholarship award recipients Jem Valdillez (l) and Amber Smith (r).





## A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Since the last YOTO newsletter reached your mailboxes or inboxes, the agency has been a place of constant activity.

First came the annual Holiday Party, which you can read about on pages 8 and 9. Oh, my, what a wonderful time for all of us who participated! At the end of the party, I delivered one young man to his relative's apartment. He had won a bicycle in the event raffle and anxiously supervised my pre-teen son as they loaded the bicycle into our van. He said he'd never had a bicycle before and would use it to ride to the City bus that he takes to school and work each day. His delight was infectious and his extreme gratitude was humbling.

Next came the December high school graduations. YOTO staff attended ceremony after ceremony to help our students celebrate victory over their circumstances and to share the joy in their accomplishments. I came away from this part of the year with a whole new level of respect and

admiration for my colleagues Judith Koester, Sandy Bohn and Clarissa Noni Garcia, YOTO's Student Advocates, whose support and intervention made the difference between success and dropping out for many of our student clients.

Shortly after New Years, we began gearing up for the annual Top of The Town Dinner and Auction to be held on March 3. Part of this was to select the recipients for seven YOTO scholarships that would be awarded and presented at the event. Anyone looking at the students' applications would have been impressed by the level of their accomplishments. Then to consider the odds that homeless teens are 2.5 times more likely to drop out of high school made them all the more inspiring and worthy of support.

Among those submitting scholarship applications was a student named Amy. I want to tell you about her so you can understand the nature of our "YOTO Kids."

Amy grew up with alcohol and drug addiction all around her. Her father is a homeless alcoholic and her mother a drug addict who abandoned Amy when she was a freshman in high school. She was referred to YOTO by a school counselor who knew of her situation and her great desire to graduate, in spite of struggling academically during her first two years of high school. Although she had to work, YOTO's stipend allowed her some financial respite. More importantly, it served as an incentive for her to persevere. This coming May, Amy will graduate with a 3.6 G.P.A. and plans to become a lawyer so she can work with children in crisis.

Amy and six other student scholarship award recipients were presented to approximately 400 people attending the Top of The Town event. The event, which you can read more about on pages 4-6, raised nearly \$140,000 to support services to the 400 students like Amy who will need YOTO in the coming year.

As we begin to prepare for the graduations of 160-175 other YOTO students this coming May, I extend my most heartfelt thanks to all who continue to make this agency available to the homeless youth of our community.

The final paragraph of Amy's scholarship application brought me to tears when I read it. She said, "...I have a different destiny than what most thought. I received strength that pushed me to persevere, to ... choose what I want for my life... Life is a battle and education is my defense."

My hope for Amy and others like her is that, through their pursuit of education, they will come to see that life isn't just a battle, but also a great joy and a grand adventure.

That's why we're here.

Regards,  
**Mary Gruensfelder-Cox, MPA**



YOTO lost a tireless advocate and a great friend on November 9, 2006, when Michael C. Young passed away. Mike, Top of The Town 2006 Honoree, was known for his honesty, integrity and patience and had served as a member of the agency's Board of

Directors for many years. As the Board President from 2003 until 2005, Mike's wise counsel was instrumental in supporting the agency's growth without sacrificing its service-mindedness and commitment to stewardship of the contributed dollar. His distinguished, yet approachable demeanor, his obvious love of YOTO and those served by the agency, along with his joyful sense of humor, made him a treasure with whom to work. Vaya con Diós, Mike, we miss you!



# YOTO AN OFFICIAL SAFE PLACE

On November 1, 2006, Youth On Their Own partnered with local Project Safe Place agency Open Inn Children, Youth & Family Services to provide help and support services to youth in crisis. Established in 1983, Project Safe Place is a national outreach program that educates thousands of young people every year about the dangers of running away or trying to resolve difficult, threatening situations on their own.

“Project Safe Place continues an on-going partnership between Open Inn Children, Youth & Family Services and Youth On Their Own,” stated Jason Thorpe, Open Inn’s Director of Community Education & Outreach. “YOTO’s important work and strong relationships with homeless young people make the organization a natural partner in this project. Through Project Safe Place, Open Inn and YOTO can more efficiently provide 24-hour crisis intervention and shelter for Tucson’s homeless children and youth.”

A network of Project Safe Place locations extends the doors of Open Inn throughout Metro-Tucson and includes youth friendly businesses, schools, libraries and more than 200 Sun Tran buses. Community partners display the distinctive yellow and black Project Safe Place sign. Visit [www.projectsafeplaceaz.org](http://www.projectsafeplaceaz.org) for more information.



Youth On Their Own staff is trained in Project Safe Place youth emergency procedures.

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2006-07 SERVICE STATISTICS

As of March 21, 2007

**YOTO students attend 71 different schools**

- 91% are in high school
- 7% are in middle school
- 2% are in elementary school\*

72% are age 14-18, age range is between 8 and 22\*\*

62% of students are female and 38% are male

**Top Six Reasons for Leaving Home:**

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

\*Elementary school students are generally siblings of YOTO teens.

\*\*Older students are generally enrolled in charter schools.

## STEP

**Belief in one’s self is key to success...**

STEP (Student Expedition Program) offers talented high school students with limited financial resources the opportunity to discover the extent of their own abilities. Challenges faced during a three-week wilderness leadership expedition provide students with increased self-confidence and self-esteem, a sense of purpose and an understanding that they have what it takes to succeed.

Mrs. Pauline S. Kaltenbacher of Highland Beach, FL contributed \$3,000 to YOTO’s Special Needs Fund to underwrite the cost of four YOTO students’ participation in this summer’s STEP program. Thank you Mrs. K.!

## IN MEMORIUM DUANE CUSPARD 1987-2006



Youth On their Own Alumnus Duane Cuspard (19) died on October 17, 2006. A 2005 Rincon High School graduate, he excelled in sports and volunteered to the Giving Tree Outreach Program in Tucson to help others in need.

Duane’s accomplishments include The John McCarthy Superstar Leadership Scholarship Award received in 2005. That same year, he was also selected to participate in a three-week leadership program held in Alaska through STEP. Many lives were touched and bettered by this remarkable young man.



## ★ TOP OF THE TOWN '07 ★ IN REVIEW

For the benefit of Youth On Their Own

### Honoring Southern Arizona Home Builders Association (SAHBA)

This year, the 12th Annual Top of The Town Dinner and Auction reclaimed its namesake by moving – literally – back to “the top of the town.” Held at Loews Ventana Canyon Resort on March 3, the fund raising gala was an elegant, memorable evening attended by approximately 400 guests. The highlight was the announcement of the seven scholarship award recipients: Three students, Chandria Mosher, Luis Padres and Jem Valdillez, delivered moving speeches about their lives and YOTO’s support in assisting each to graduate high school.

With sincere thanks and gratitude, Youth On Their Own salutes this year’s TOTT Event Committee for sharing their time and resources to coordinate this spectacular event in continued support of homeless youth.



#### 2007 Scholarship Award Recipients: (L to R)

- Luis Padres (Scholar Athlete Award provided by Bob & Betsy Holland)
- Davina Araiza (John McCarthy Superstar Leadership Award)
- Esteban Osuna (Mastery of Arts Award underwritten by Commerce Bank of Arizona)
- Clarissa Gutierrez (The Coris Family Scholarship)
- Jem Valdillez (Ann Young Outstanding Senior Award underwritten by NCH Corporation)
- Amber Smith (Academic Achievement Award underwritten by Nova Home Loans)
- Chandria Mosher (Martin C. Bedell Helping Hand Award)

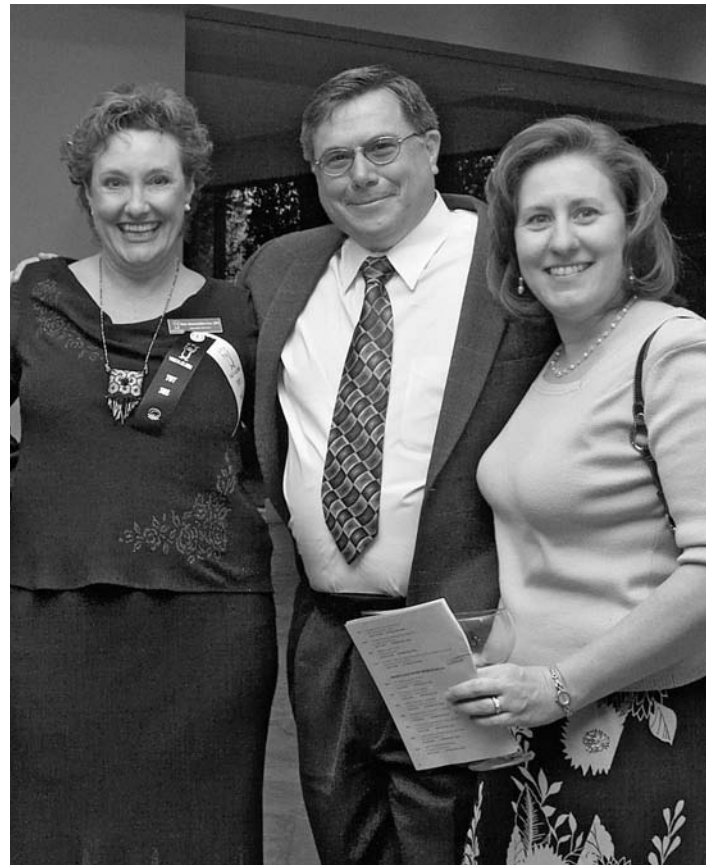


#### Pictured are 9 of the 30 TOTT Event Committee members:

- Back Row (L to R):** Jackie Bradley (YOTO Operations & Volunteer Coordinator), Patti Yenerich (Event Past Chair), Connie Huff, Karen Kreiling, Ed Dunin-Wasowicz, Barbara Bardach (Co-Chair, Sponsorships).
- Front Row (L to R):** Mary Stewart (Event Co-Chair), Shirlee Finney (Venue Facilitator), Sally Bengtson (Chair, Event Planning), Pat Sturmon (Event Co-Chair).

### TOP OF THE TOWN EVENT COMMITTEE

- Mary Stewart and Pat Sturmon, Co-Chairs
- Patti Yenerich, Past Chair
- Claudia Booth and Mary Jane Lundsgaard, Co-Chairs, Auction
- Emily Morrison, Chair, Student Awards
- Sally Bengtson, Chair, Event Planning
- Shirlee Finney, Venue Facilitator
- Barbara Bardach, Co-Chair, Sponsorships
- Kristy Becko-Whisenant, Diana Boros, Ed Dunin-Wasowicz, Sarah Evans, Margaret Falkowski, Carol Fiore, Glenna Foulk, Matt George, Connie Huff, Cristi Kittle, Karen Kreiling, Joan Lee, Kathy LeMay, Gary and Kelly Loeb, Kathy Novelly, Jennifer Reynard, Carrie Schocker, Diana Sowlakis, Michelle Wik, Eloise Williams

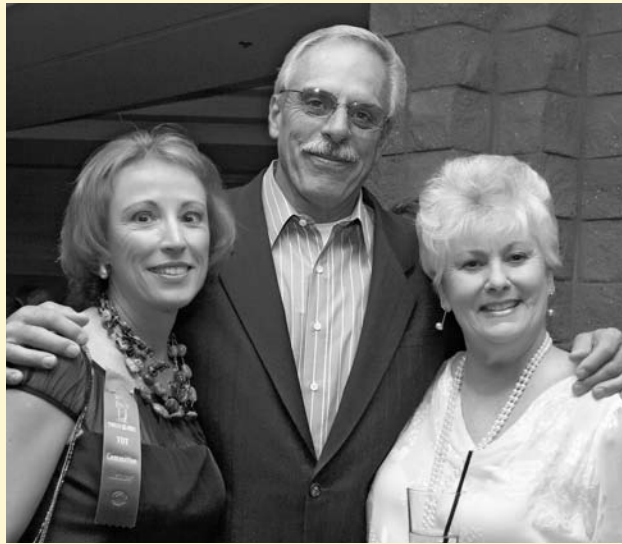


SAHBA was honored for its on-going support of YOTO and service to the community. (L to R) Executive Director Mary Gruensfelder-Cox with SAHBA President Ed Taczanowsky and wife Amy.

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Robin Stancliff Photography



Joan Lee, Event Emcee and Cool 1450 Radio Personality, and YOTO Board President Rudy Carrillo.



(L to R) Event Sponsorship Co-Chair Barbara Bardach promotes to Gary and Isabelle Hendricks a necklace donated by the Turquoise Door. This year's auction selections included fine artwork, getaways, jewelry and golf packages, among many other offerings.



With her exuberant, customer-oriented nature, YOTO Alumna Shannon Dupper proved to be a natural when helping attendees prepare for "Heads and Tails."



Margaret Falkowski and guests peruse auction items.



Dignitaries congratulated each of the scholarship award recipients.



Guests enjoyed playing a fun, fast-moving game called "Heads and Tails." Ed Saffrar donated back his \$1000 in winnings to YOTO. Many thanks to Mr. Saffrar!



(L to R) YOTO Board member Mike Hanson and wife Christine with Board member/Past Event Chair Patti Yenerich and husband Randy.

## TOP OF THE TOWN '07 IN REVIEW CONTINUED

### Thank You EVENT SPONSORS

Special event sponsorships are especially valuable as they defray event costs, allowing funds raised to be directed toward agency services.

#### PLATINUM LEVEL SPONSOR

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#### SPECIAL ANGELS

These special angels generously shared their time and talents to help make the evening possible:

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## TOP OF THE TOWN RAISES \$137,203.90! (As of April 4, 2007)



### SOS 2007 CAMPAIGN

SOS means "Support Our Students" and is YOTO's annual campaign to invite the support of donors who sustain the agency

and its student-clients through their on-going contributions. Initiated each year at the annual Top of The Town event, SOS membership recognizes those who pledge a specific amount (no minimum) to be paid on a monthly or quarterly basis over 12 months, or a one-time gift of \$1,000 + on the night of the event. The goal of the 2007 SOS Campaign is \$40,000 in fulfilled pledges. The donors listed below contributed \$22,000, bringing the Campaign more than halfway toward its annual goal. Many thanks to YOTO's SOS donors!

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Young, Louise

## TOP OF THE TOWN BENEFACTORS

Youth On Their Own is grateful to the following benefactors for their charitable gifts contributed in association with the evening's event:



## ★ WAYS TO SHARE ★ CREATIVE GIVING...



On January 27, Ashley and Shane Ray enjoyed a perfect wedding day at the Wild Horse Ranch. When it came to pre-nuptial details, the couple decided in lieu of favors for their 150 guests that they would made a contribution to Youth On Their Own.

Amy Kyle, Ashley’s mom, artist and longtime YOTO supporter, wrote, “The couple was impressed how young lives are directly touched by the agency’s efforts – it was an easy decision for them to make...” Much Gratitude and Best Wishes Ashley and Shane!

## CHARITABLE GIVING TAX TIP

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has announced new guidelines on how taxpayers must substantiate their charitable donations made through payroll deductions. The new rules apply to contributions made beginning in 2007 and are the result of the Pension Protection Act of 2006.

For charitable contributions made via payroll deductions, the IRS requires two documents to substantiate the gift and satisfy this requirement:

A pay stub, Form W-2 or other document furnished by the employer that sets forth the amount withheld from the taxpayer during a taxable year by the employer for the purpose of contributing to charity, AND

A pledge card or other document prepared by or at the direction of the charity that shows the name of the charity.

Workplace-based charitable campaigns, such as the United Way or City ECAP programs, offer donors the opportunity to designate their gifts to particular non-profit organizations. Donors using a payroll deduction option will need the employer documentation that shows the amount donated in the tax year, as listed above, but the pledge card does not need to come from the charity that ultimately receives the funds. Rather, the pledge card for the collecting organization, such as the United Way, will serve as proper documentation for tax purposes.

## IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS...

Thanks to NCH Corporation’s generosity, YOTO offices received a much needed face-lift, which increased storage capacity and efficiency. On March 20, the truck from Anderson’s Office Supply rolled up filled with new and gently-used desks, bookcases and file cabinets. NCH also provided construction and paint services.



Carpenter Phil Mosconi conducts office renovation at YOTO courtesy of NCH Corporation.



Elated staff members take a moving-day breather to say, “Good-bye, piles of files. Thank you NCH Corporation!”

★ 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.



## ★ YOTO ★ HOLIDAY PARTY WRAP UP

**“The Holiday Party helps us... showing us there are people out there that care. Youth On Their Own is a really good program. It shows you responsibility.” – Cassandra**

Local businesses, service organizations and community members joined forces to provide a special holiday celebration for YOTO students on December 8. Over 40 donors contributed nearly \$33,000 in gifts that ranged from new clothing and gift cards to household and baby items. Student received one gift from each of the six sponsored gift rooms. Many students won a raffle prize, adding to the holiday fun.

Held at Son Life Chapel, church members volunteered with event preparations and assisted YOTO staff that evening. The facilities, also donated, comfortably accommodated a joyful 300 who attended the party. Bob DeWitt and the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints Youth Group provided an incredible “build your own burrito” meal, beverages and delicious desserts. Barbara Barron designed all the table decorations, which were not only festive but, to the delight of the students, made from a variety of cookie favorites.



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Barney Hilton Murray Photography & Video  
Robin Stancliff Photography



Volunteers from the Foothills Optimist Club hosted a gift room this season.



Always popular, the raffle gave students the opportunity to win new bikes to iPods.



Choice Funding, Adobe Doctor & Washburn Custom Builders provided gift cards.



Son Life Chapel volunteers offered students a variety of household items.



The Tucson Firefighters Association sponsored a gift room filled with new clothing.



**YOTO's heartfelt thanks and gratitude to this year's sponsors and the more than 100 volunteers who contributed their time and resources to create a truly memorable evening filled with sharing and caring.**



**Holiday Gift Room Sponsors**

Pictured are volunteers from Choice Funding, Adobe Doctor & Washburn Custom Builders, Foothills Optimist Club, Raytheon, Son Life Chapel, Southern Arizona Home Builders Association and Tucson Fire Fighters Association.

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**YOUTH ON THEIR OWN**  
**STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**JUNE 30, 2005 AND 2004**

**ASSETS**

	<u>2005</u>	<u>2004</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 515,406	\$ 349,599
Certificate of deposit		21,994
Accounts receivable	30,364	67,747
Other current assets	<u>9,614</u>	<u>3,323</u>
Total current assets	<u>555,384</u>	<u>442,663</u>
Property and equipment, net	<u>257,488</u>	<u>267,229</u>
Other assets:		
Contribution receivable from remainder trust		46,238
Deposits	<u>16</u>	<u>555</u>
	<u>16</u>	<u>46,793</u>
	<u>\$ 812,888</u>	<u>\$ 756,685</u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 4,238	\$ 10,730
Accrued expenses	<u>41,701</u>	<u>38,322</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>45,939</u>	<u>49,052</u>
Commitments and contingencies		
Net assets:		
Unrestricted:		
Undesignated	472,804	397,001
Net investment in property and equipment	<u>257,488</u>	<u>267,229</u>
	730,292	664,230
Temporarily restricted	<u>36,657</u>	<u>43,403</u>
	<u>766,949</u>	<u>707,633</u>
	<u>\$ 812,888</u>	<u>\$ 756,685</u>



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**2nd Annual Student Graduation Party**

**Friday, May 4, 2007 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm**  
**La Posada Hotel – 5900 N. Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ 85704**

The Graduation Party is YOTO’s special way of honoring graduating students for their hard work and determination. The result: the award of their high school diploma. This year, 160 - 175 student clients are expected to graduate from a variety of Metro-Tucson schools. As many students consider Youth On Their Own their family, staff couldn’t be more proud of their accomplishments.

Businesses, community members and organizations join the celebration by supporting YOTO students through gift donations and underwriting event costs.

Please consider donating one or more new gifts for the raffle, which is always a big hit with the students. Items should be submitted to the YOTO office on or before Friday, April 27.

- + Portable stereo (boom box) (15)
- + iPod (5)
- + Microwave (3)
- + Toaster oven (5)
- + PlayStation (2)
- + Game Boy (2)
- + Portable CD player (15)
- + Nice tool set (3)
- + Laptop computer (1)
- + Crock pot (3)
- + Portable DVD player (3)
- + Digital camera (10)
- + Stereo system (3)
- + Rice cooker (3)
- + Adult bicycle (1)

**Graduation Party Underwriting Opportunities**

Student Graduation Gifts \$5,000  
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**Editor’s Corner**

YOTO’s newsletter is published on a quarterly basis.

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**Thank you!**