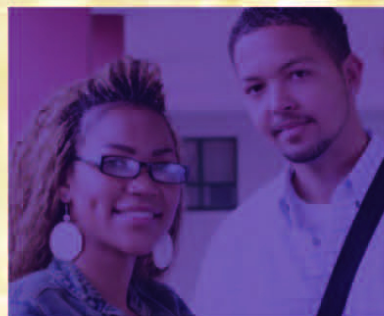
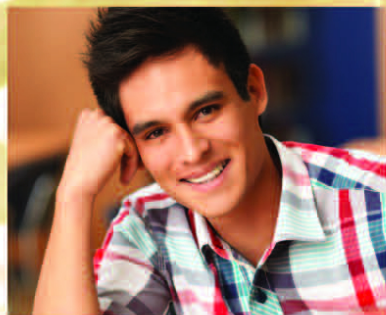
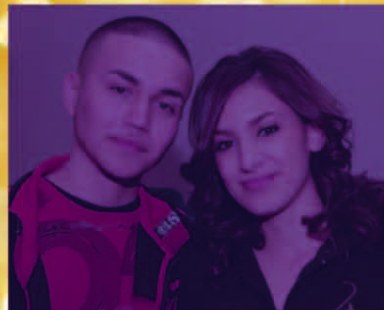


2011-2012
COMMUNITY
REPORT



YOUTH ON
THEIR OWN

2011-2012 YOTO STUDENT CLIENT SUMMARY



STUDENT CLIENT SNAPSHOT

- 708 student clients were enrolled in the YOTO program
- Program in 120 schools
- A total of 73 schools served
- 188 graduates; 93% graduation rate
- 60% female students; 40% male students
- 61% ages 13-17; 39% ages 18-21

ETHNICITY

- 51% Hispanic / Latino
- 24% Caucasian
- 8% African American
- 8% Native American
- 7% Multi-Ethnic / Other
- 2% Asian / Island Pacificer

SNAPSHOT

- 16% of students were pregnant or parenting
- 71 students received assistance with rental, utility, or medical services
- 247 students received monthly bus passes
- 178 students received basic needs assistance with food or clothing

REASON FOR HOMELESSNESS

- 26% Court ordered
- 23% Parent chooses not to be a parent
- 8% Parental substance abuse
- 8% Poverty
- 8% Conflict with step-parent or parent's boyfriend/girlfriend
- 10% Verbal/ Emotional/Physical/Sexual Abuse
- 6% Parental Death
- 6% Parental Incarceration
- 5% Student's lifestyle

LIVING SITUATION

- 40% Relative
- 17% Friend
- 11% Significant other
- 11% Group Home
- 11% Host Family
- 5% Alone
- 5% Other (transitional, roommates)

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING 6/30/2012

INCOME

Donations, Gifts and Other Grants	\$966,077
Fundraising Events	\$202,655
Government Grants	\$114,301
Student Events and Misc. Income	\$20,816
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,303,408
Net Assets as of 6/30/12	\$1,034,408

EXPENSES

Program Services	\$777,216
Fundraising	\$168,325
Administration	\$157,452
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,102,993



- FUNDRAISING - 15%
- ADMINISTRATION - 14%
- PROGRAM - 71%

YOUTH ON THEIR OWN- TODAY!

As of October 15, 2012, 605 students are enrolled in the Youth On Their Own program compared to 286 youth last year at the same time. This reflects a staggering 212% increase in growth! The YOTO program is a "rolling enrollment" and students are accepted anytime throughout nine months of the ten month school year. In 2011-2012, YOTO supported 700 students during the entire school year. This year, our forecast ends in June, 2013 with over 900+ students.

While the need has escalated, your generous support has allowed us to help every young person that has come to YOTO. It is YOTO's goal to never turn anyone away. All youth deserve a chance to complete high school in the United States! Arizona continues to rank #1 in the U.S. for high school drop outs. The YOTO program continues to lead the way in the U.S. for a successful and unique program that works. In 2011-2012 school year, YOTO's graduation surpassed all others. Our YOTO students, staff and Board of Directors, extends our sincere thanks to each of you for your continued support which makes the difference for the kids in our program as well as for the quality of life that benefits our community.

Youth On Their Own now has three Student Advocates that visit each YOTO student in their school on a monthly rotation basis. Over 140 schools in Tucson and surrounding areas feature the YOTO program for homeless students in need. Grade point averages and graduation results have increased significantly by the service outreach of our program. YOTO students are provided with mentoring, guidance and opportunities for post-secondary educational scholarships, also funded by generous donors, like you!

YOTO will soon be moving to a new mid-town location located on two central bus lines, offering easy access to ALL YOTO students in all schools! Our program extends beyond Marana to Catalina Foothills, Tanque Verde, Vail, Sahaurita, Sells and all of metro Tucson. A mid-town location will provide more students with the opportunity to benefit from the ancillary services YOTO provides in addition to our school on-site visits and support. The new YOTO offices will feature a large Program area with a Student Center that will provide comfortable space with computers for students to do homework, access special help or support, apply for scholarships, jobs and more! Our Program Mini-Mall will double in size, increasing space for food staple items, school, hygiene supplies and misc. providing more daily needs support for all homeless youth in our program.

We will be announcing our new location soon! Stay tuned to our website and Facebook as our excitement unfolds! Help us save on mailing costs: please email Erica Scott at escott@yoto.org to provide your email contact information!

SAVE THE DATES!

HOW YOU CAN HELP MAKE THE DIFFERENCE!



ANNUAL YOTO STUDENT HOLIDAY APPEAL

Help make Happy Holidays for all Youth On Their Own students by donating a \$10.00 gift card to Target, Fry's, Wal-mart or Safeway. Each student will receive one \$10.00 gift card (or two, depending on how many are collected)

ANNUAL YOTO STUDENT HOLIDAY PARTY

Every year, YOTO hosts a holiday party for all our students. The party features a hot meal and raffle prizes. Please consider donating a raffle item for either male or female. Items must be new and not gift wrapped.
(Deadline for both is Friday, November 30, 2012. Please send or deliver to YOTO office.)

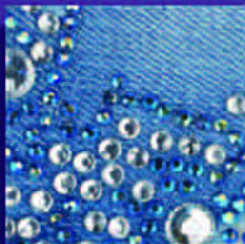


DO THIS BY DECEMBER 31, 2012!

Donate your Arizona State tax liability to Youth On Their Own!

Filing married, donate up to \$400.00; filing single, donate up to \$200.00.
Keep your tax dollars working in Tucson and help to make a difference for a Youth On Their Own student.

(Youth On Their Own is eligible to receive the AZ Tax Credit. Donating a tax credit to YOTO does not prevent you from donating to the school tax credit also! For more information or to make your donation on-line- go to yoto.org and click on Tax Credit.)



27TH ANNUAL TALK OF THE TOWN

Youth On Their Own's signature event!

Saturday, April 13, 2013- Loew's Ventana Resort-6 P.M

Cocktails, fabulous dinner, silent and live auction, live entertainment, special guests and more!

Casual attire: blue jeans and glitz! Check our website for more information....

STUDENT STORY



EMILY WATSON

SUNNYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL 2012 PIMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

I grew up in Charleston, South Carolina with my mother whose life was dictated by drugs. I lived through her addiction until I was ten years old, when my grandparents encouraged her to sign over guardianship to them and that was the last time I saw my mom. My dad was never involved in my life.

My grandparents moved us to Tucson, and in 2009 my grandma developed Multiple Sclerosis. My grandpa had to work all the time and I had to help take care of my grandmother by giving her shots and medications. Unfortunately, she passed away in June 2009.

My junior year, I decided to go back to South Carolina to search for my dad. I was disappointed and further emotionally abused. By this time my grandpa had sold our house and was traveling in an RV. I came back my senior year to stay with friends, until my grandpa came back. In December, my grandfather came back to stay with me until I graduated. After I had moved in with him, he suddenly passed away the next day. He was everything to me: my mom, dad, best friend, and grandfather. So the only option I had was to find a place to live because he was the last person I had.

Youth On Their Own has provided me with so many opportunities and support. I don't know where I would have been if not for YOTO! It has helped me put food on my table and gave me a place that I felt I could fall back on if I failed. Youth On Their Own gave me a Christmas last year. I have also benefited from guidance and the tools I needed to live on my own.

I am so thankful for the Pima Community College scholarship. I plan to attend Pima and then transfer to New Mexico State University to obtain my nursing degree. I recently enlisted in the Army reserves and I will be participating in cadet training through ROTC during college, which will enable me to be commissioned as an officer after my nursing degree and eventually work in a military hospital. Thank you, YOTO and all the people who support the YOTO organization. It is because of you, that I have had these opportunities.

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUTH ON THEIR OWN:

- Sign up at yoto.org to receive this newsletter, Student Needs Alerts and update information about YOTO!
- Volunteer - all talents and any increment of time is greatly treasured. Tell us what you like to do and we'll find you a worthwhile way to spend your time with us.
- Donate food staple items, hygiene or school supplies to our Mini-Mall Student Drop In Center.
- Direct your Arizona State Charitable Tax Credit for the Working Poor to Youth On Their Own.
- Consider including Youth On Their Own in your will or estate planning.
- Donate cash or stocks to support the youth in our program.
- "Adopt" a Student! \$1,250.00 per 10 month school year helps a homeless youth to stay in school. This is earned by good grades and school attendance.
- Host an event to benefit Youth On Their Own.
- Attend one of our great events. The Annual Fall Wine Tasting and Talk of the Town hosted in the Spring.
- Host a food, school or hygiene supply drive with your church, school or place of employment.

Visit YOTO.org for more information or call us at 520.293.1136.



STUDENT STORY - ANDREW SMITH

At age 15, Andrew suffered the devastating loss of his father. His home life continued to be unstable and racked with financial duress. When Andrew's mother was unable to support the family on her income alone, he took a restaurant dishwashing job in addition to attending classes at Canyon Del Oro High School. Junior year, Andrew's school counselor identified him as a "high risk" teen and encouraged him to apply for the Youth On Their Own program.

YOTO provided Andrew with financial and emotional support at a time when he "had none and no one." The assistance allowed Andrew to focus on his school work, where he excelled, and in his senior year, Andrew was awarded the YOTO Mastery of Arts Award Scholarship. With the funding, Andrew attended Santa Monica College in Los Angeles and continued to garner support; the US Department of State Gilman Scholarship in 2004, and the Cal Berkeley Alumni Award in 2005. Andrew graduated from UC Berkley in 2007 and was awarded the distinguished Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship to pursue his MBA at Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland.

"YOTO taught me to believe, hope, and try for more. I cannot completely articulate YOTO's influence on my thinking... but I can say, it changed how I viewed the world and my role within it. I believe in YOTO and feel they provide critical support services and guidance to youth at times that they most need [it]. There is no better or effective model to mitigate at-risk youth than by on-hands guidance and financial resources, especially when the individual has no stable home."



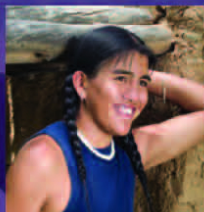
1995 YOTO GRAD DONATES \$250K!

As a young person, alone and living on her own since she was 16, Susanna Alvarez-Hadden knew that she liked helping other people. However at this time in her life, she needed support and was being helped by Youth On Their Own.

Through the Youth On Their Own program, Susanna was able to complete her high school degree and graduate from Amphi High School in 1995. Susanna went on to further her education by attending Pima Community College and graduating from the University of Arizona earning a Finance degree. She interned her senior year at Morgan Stanley and has been there for 12 years as a Wealth Advisor working from the Tucson and N.Y.C. offices.

Susanna and her husband, Glenn Hadden recently donated \$250K to Youth On Their Own to support 100 students in both 2012-2013 and 2013-2014 school years. This is the single largest, individual donation to be received by Youth On Their Own in its 27 years of service and support to homeless and abandoned youth ages 13-21 attempting to complete their high school education. The amazing size of this donation is magnified by the fact that it was made by a former Youth On Their Own student who wanted to give back to the program and community that supported her to change her life through education.

Susanna indicated "It's important for Glenn and I, that YOTO students know and understand that people believe in them, and that we are very proud of them for going to school despite enduring many difficult challenges in their lives. We know that making this donation to YOTO students is one of the best investments we can make!!!"





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