Youth On Their Own supports the high school graduation and continued success of homeless youth by providing financial assistance, basic human needs and guidance.

**Student Client Snapshot**
- 1,137 youth enrolled, compared to 708 in 2011-2012. (61% Increase)
- 128 schools, compared to 120 in 2011-2012. (7% Increase)
- 254 seniors graduated, compared to 188 in 2011-2012. (35% Increase)
- 59% female/41% male students
- 66% of student were ages 12-17
- 34% of students were ages 18-21

**Reason For Homelessness**
- 20% parents chose not to be a parent
- 13% physically/sexually/verbally/emotionally abused
- 12% conflict with parent/stepparent
- 12% parental substance abuse
- 12% court ordered
- 9% poverty
- 9% parental death
- 5% lifestyle (lgbt, pregnancy)
- 5% incarceration
- 3% parental illness/mental illness

**Race/Ethnicity**
- 58% Hispanic
- 17% Caucasian
- 8% African American
- 7% Native American
- 9% Multiracial
- 1% Asian/Island Pacific

**Snapshot**
- 14% pregnant or parenting
- 12% received assistance with rental, utility, transportation, school, or medical services
- 407 received monthly bus passes or 2-way bus passes
- 450 received basic needs assistance with food or clothing

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**Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2013**

- **Student Events, Misc. Income** ($35,526)
- **Total Income** $1,925,724
- **Program Services** $1,220,775
- **Administration Expenses** $110,679
- **Fundraising** $444,443
- **Total Expenses** $1,775,896
- **Net Assets as of June 30, 2013** $1,194,508

*FY 2012/2013: Fundraising expenses increased to help support our move to and purchase of our new building at 1660 N. Alvernon. The facility better serves youth through its central location on two bus lines, provides needed program space and a completely remodelled Student Success Drop in Center. The Student Success Center affords homeless students a safe place to receive assistance with homework, life management, financial aid, scholarship, college and job applications.*
Mission Moments

Jacquel Student Story

As a young child, I lived with my mom who moved around a lot and was unable to provide a safe and stable home. I moved to Arizona to live with my dad at the beginning of my freshman year and enrolled in Baboquivari High School in Sells. Sadly, my dad and step-mother were arrested and imprisoned during my sophomore year, leaving me on my own.

I bounced back and forth between different family members on the Tohono O’odham reservation and in Tucson. No matter where I lived though, I was committed to school, even when that meant making the 2½ hour bus commute from Tucson to Sells.

Dulce Student Story

I had a positive atmosphere growing up—my mother was always there for me. When I turned 12, my mother died of an overdose. Moving from home to home became a normal occurrence. As a young child, I lived with my mom who moved a lot and was unable to provide a safe and stable home. I moved to Arizona to live with my dad at the beginning of my freshman year and enrolled in Baboquivari High School in Sells. Sadly, my dad and step-mother were arrested and imprisoned during my sophomore year, leaving me on my own.

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Throughout high school, I grew attached to YOTO’s Student Advocates. I often called them to visit my school, and over the years they became my greatest cheerleading squad.

Despite the abundant hardships I faced, I graduated in May, 2013 as my school’s Salutatorian. I also graduated in three years (not four) and am the recipient of numerous scholarships, which will ensure that I can complete my doctorate without incurring debt. I have been accepted to the University of Arizona and hope to begin Fall 2013 as my school’s Salutatorian—indeed, my personal story has been one of resilience, hard work, and dedication.

Leah Noreng Volunteer Spotlight

Making a difference in the lives of homeless youth is easy. Consider a YOTO volunteer like Leah Noreng; Leah is an Executive Leadership Council member and volunteers as a fundraiser.

To support the summer’s Back to School Challenge, Leah hosted a “backpack stuffing party” for friends and family. Leah says, “With 3 young boys always in tow, I made a conscious effort to involve my children in volunteerism. The Back to School Challenge was fun. Each school-age child can help stuff a backpack and understand the feeling of pride in having a new backpack full of supplies.” Leah and her team brought in over 150 backpacks

Leah is just one example of our many extraordinary volunteers. Our community members donate over 20,864 volunteer hours, valued at over $400,000 in 2012/2013. Volunteers keep costs down while allowing YOTO to increase services to students. Thank you! To learn more about the many rewarding and diverse volunteer opportunities YOTO offers individuals, groups or businesses, please contact Jessica Hall at jhall@yoto.org or (520)620-9289.

Earl & Kris Cohen Donor Story

Our donors come from all walks of life, but are joined by one passion: helping at-risk youth graduate. YOTO kids need you, whether you are a high school student or a retiree, whether you can give a little or a lot—your donation changes lives.

Having Youth On Their Own behind me in my academic success only pushed me more to reach my goal of graduating. YOTO helped me where I didn’t have enough money for basic necessities and I am beyond grateful to have people who supported me throughout high school and wanted to see me succeed.

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Fall Wine and Beer Tasting Event  
Sunday, October 20, 2013 (1 to 4 p.m.)  
McMahon’s Prime Steakhouse  
Tickets are $50/person at yoto.org  
Proclaimed the BEST wine tasting in Tucson, this year we are also featuring gourmet beer!  
Enjoy wonderful live entertainment, great appetizers, raffle, silent auction and more.

You Can Make a BIG Impact With Small Monthly Donations  
We invite you to become a Champion...

Over the last four years, Youth On Their Own has experienced an astonishing increase of 131% in the number of youth served. But there are still more youth we need to reach.

Together, we can meet the challenge. Make a BIG impact in the high school graduation and continued success of homeless youth by making small monthly donations. By signing up to become a YOTO Champion, you choose to give just $15, $25 or $50 per month, automatically debited from your checking account.

- Saves you time and postage.
- Eliminates credit card processing fees thereby providing more direct support to Youth On Their Own students.
- Offers ongoing, annual desperately needed support to an at risk youth.

Youth On Their Own

How You Can Help

- Donate cash, stocks or in kind items to support the youth in our program.
- Consider including Youth On Their Own in your will or estate planning.
- Support a Student $1,260 per school year.
- Direct your Arizona State Charitable Tax Credit for the Working Poor to Youth On Their Own.
- Visit YOTO.org for more ideas and sign up to receive our newsletter, student alerts and update information or call us at (520)620-9243.

The YOTO Champions Monthly Giving Club

With your first donation to Youth On Their Own, you became a friend to a young person in need. With your second donation, you showed them the care and commitment of a family member—something they lacked but desperately needed. Now it is your chance to be their Champion.

Join the YOTO Champions Monthly Giving Club today. With three introductory levels of just $15, $25 or $50 per month, you enjoy the ease of small, monthly automated debits from your checking account while at the same time, making a BIG, sustainable impact in the life of an at risk youth.

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