



2014 - 2015
COMMUNITY REPORT
★ TUCSON • ARIZONA

OUR TEAM

2015-2016

YOTO STAFF:

Teresa Liverzani-Baker	<i>Executive Director</i>
Joyce Rodgers	<i>Director of Finance & Operations</i>
David Martin	<i>Director of Programs</i>
Brooke Nowak	<i>Director of Development</i>
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Kristyn Conner	<i>Grant Writer</i>
Jacklyn Vaughan-Chaldy	<i>Career Development Coordinator</i>
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Christine Freeman	<i>Bookkeeper</i>
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Daniela Zasa	<i>Student Advocate</i>
Douglas Plecty	<i>Program Data Technician</i>
Robert Perez	<i>Program Data Technician</i>
Daphne Soules	<i>Program Assistant</i>

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

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Meet Tommy

Tommy's mom abandoned him when he was two years old. His father died shortly thereafter of a drug overdose. A caring athletic coach at his high school took an interest in Tommy, encouraged him to improve his grades so that he could play sports, and helped him enroll in Youth On Their Own. Tommy is on track to graduate with his class and hopes to play basketball in college.



"YOTO is a great motivation to stay in school and actually try. I needed a bike and they got me one. I hope someday I will be able to help someone in need like Youth On Their Own and their donors helped me."

STAY IN CONTACT



Update your contact information... we NEED your email address!

Email helps us to save postage and printing. YOTO is totally tech-savvy!

Contact Brooke Nowak at bnowak@yoto.org for updates.

Save the Dates

Sunday, October 11, 2015: 1 pm - 4 pm
THE 6TH ANNUAL FALL WINE TASTING

Sample and enjoy Tucson's largest assortment of fine wines and an array of delectable appetizers in the courtyard at Plaza Colonial, located at Campbell and Sunrise Drive. Purchase wines at discount prices while you enjoy a delightful afternoon of live entertainment, tasty appetizers provided by popular Tucson restaurants, a silent auction, raffle, and more! Tickets \$65 per person!



November 1 - December 12, 2015
ANNUAL STUDENT HOLIDAY APPEAL

Help brighten the holidays for a homeless teen by donating a \$10 gift card to Target, Fry's, Walmart, or Safeway. (\$10.00 only increments please!) **Last year, because of YOU, 1,100 youth received a holiday gift card.** Your gift card may be the **ONLY** gift received by a YOTO student!

HURRY- do this before December 31, 2015
ARIZONA CHARITABLE TAX CREDIT

Keep your tax dollars working in Tucson by redirecting them to Youth On Their Own! Filing married? Direct up to \$400. Filing single? Direct up to \$200. Call us to find out how!



Saturday, April 9, 2016

TALK OF THE TOWN 2016 - CASINO DEL SOL RESORT

You are invited to enjoy YOTO's 30th Anniversary at our annual signature event! Cocktails, live entertainment, fabulous dinner, silent and live auctions, special guests and MORE! **Enjoy the magic and comedy of Mac King, renowned entertainer from Harrah's Las Vegas.** Tickets \$130 per person.

To purchase tickets or get more information
visit **YOTO.ORG** or call **520-293-1136**.

ANNOUNCING



Great prices! Shop and help YOTO kids too!

Store sales will help:

- Fund the Youth On Their Own program!
- Provide retail sales training internships for eligible senior YOTO students! *
- * In partnership with the University of Arizona, the Terry J. Lundgren Center for Retailing, the John & Doris Norton School of Family & Consumer Sciences, and ENACTUS.

DONATE!

- Gently used household items are accepted daily at **Youth On Their Own**.
- Kitchen/bed/ bath décor, art, small appliances, small accent furniture pieces, lamps, seasonal items, etc., are needed.

DONATE - get a tax write off and help homeless kids to stay in school!

NO MATTRESSES, sofas, or used pillows, please!

1642 N. ALVERNON WAY • OPEN 9AM-6PM THURS/FRI/SAT

2014-2015 PROGRAM SUMMARY

In 2014-2015, **Youth On Their Own** budgeted to SUPPORT 1,231 youth. Because of YOU, 1,468 students were HELPED to stay in school!

REASON FOR HOMELESS

- 29% Conflict with Parent/Lifestyle
- 12% CPS Removal
- 12% Verbal/ Emotional Abuse
- 9% Parent Deported/Immigration Problems
- 9% Parental Death/Illness
- 9% Parent Substance Abuse
- 6% Physical/Sexual Abuse
- 6% Extreme Poverty
- 5% Parent Incarcerated
- 3% Pregnant/Sexual Orientation

LIVING SITUATION

- 46% Relative
- 15% Friend
- 13% Group Home
- 9% Significant Other
- 9% Couch Hopping
- 4% Foster Care
- 4% Alone

STUDENT CLIENT SNAPSHOT

- 1,468 Students Served (19% increase from last year)
- 125 Schools
- 387 Graduates (37% increase from last year)
- 59% Female
- 41% Male
- 62% Ages 11-17
- 38% Ages 18-21

RACE/ETHNICITY

- 60% Hispanic
- 15% Caucasian
- 10% African American
- 9% Native American
- 4% Multiracial
- 2% Other

OVERVIEW

- ★ 190 students parenting or pregnant
- ★ 866 bus passes issued (100% increase from last year)
- ★ 218 students received emergency needs funding
- ★ 3,000+ visits to our Mini Mall for food/clothing/personal needs
- ★ 382 students separated from parents by court order



JOIN OUR MONTHLY GIVING CLUB!

Your monthly gift:

- ★ *Saves you time and postage...*
- ★ *Is convenient and easy...*
- ★ *Is budget-friendly...*
- ★ *Helps change a life every day!*

Select a Monthly Gift that works for YOU!

Give any amount that your lifestyle supports. Enjoy the ease of pre-authorized checking account debit, Electronic Funds Transfer or a credit card transaction.



-> \$15
-> \$25
-> \$50
-> Other

*Annual tax statements are mailed every January unless otherwise requested.

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You shop. Amazon gives.



Here is an easy, automatic way to help YOTO! Sign up with **AmazonSmile**. Each time you make a purchase on Amazon.com through the AmazonSmile program, Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to **Youth On Their Own**.

Wish List

1. Remodel Student Success Center
2. Re-stucco and paint Home Store building exterior
3. Solar screens for 1660 N. Alvernon Way building windows OR new energy efficient dual- or triple-paned windows (20 windows)
4. 10 new desktops with 20" monitors for Student Success Center
5. 2 new laptop computers
6. Cargo van for Resale Home Store

YOU can help- consider sharing your time, talents or financial resources to help!



Help support a homeless student to stay school for \$6.50 per day!

LEAVING A LEGACY



Marilyn McCarthy, became an active volunteer with Youth On Their Own in the late 1980's.

Moved by homeless kids, struggling and challenged by life who wanted to stay in school, she was instrumental in the "circle of influence" by introducing her friends and contacts to the YOTO mission.

Marilyn found many ways to share her time, talents and resources with YOTO over 27 years.

Sadly, Marilyn passed away in early 2015. To honor Marilyn's commitment, her adult children funded a legacy gift in her behalf- **The Marilyn McCarthy Volunteer Center** office at Youth On Their Own.

"Mom had a passion to help those with a hand up, not a hand out... to help those who want to help themselves to believe and achieve success in life, family, and business. She was the ultimate entrepreneur and networker who helped YOTO realize fund raising for a charity is no different than a 'for profit' business. The formula is hard work, passion, commitment, marketing, and a clear message. She was honored to be there near the beginning to help YOTO transition from a "mom and pop non-profit" to now. YOTO is a significant and lasting charity making a substantial positive imprint on the Tucson community and its citizens," her son, Ron and daughter, Lynn shared.

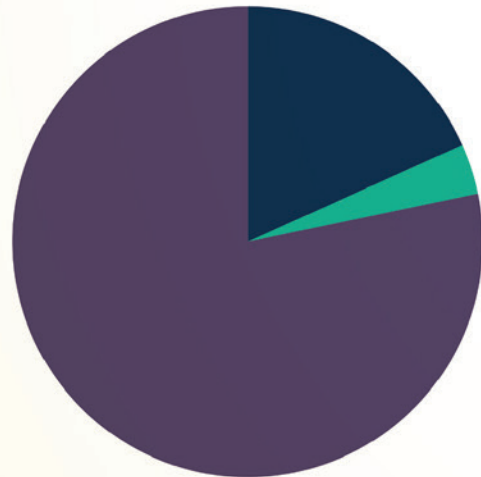
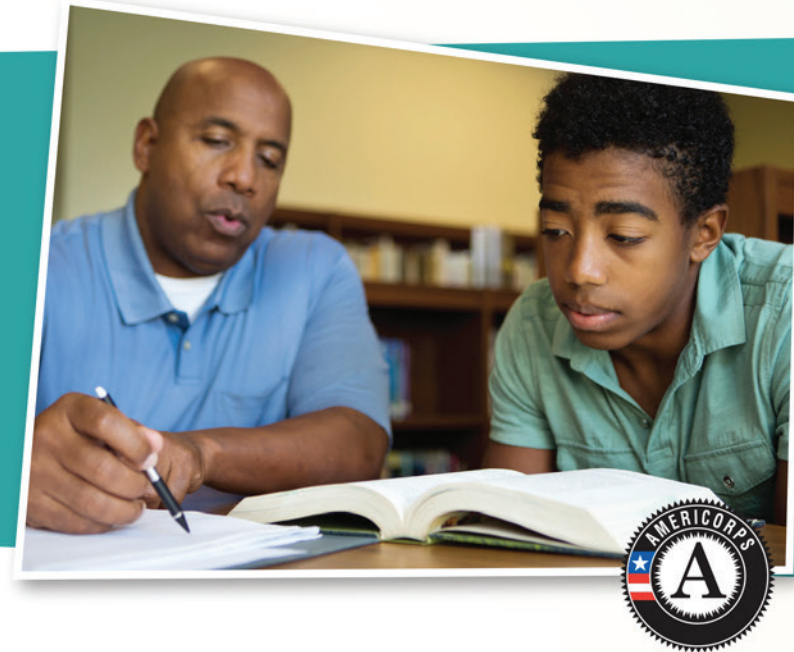
Please consider keeping your legacy alive through a gift to Youth On Their Own. For information on Legacy Gifts, Bequests, Planned Gifts or IRA distributions, please contact Teresa: teresalbaker@yoto.org.



HOW IS YOTO FUNDED?

Youth On Their Own (YOTO) currently receives no federal funding, and fund raising dictates how many youth can be supported by our program. Current revenue streams generated include:

- ★ 40% special events and third-party fundraisers
- ★ 22% grants
- ★ 12% individuals
- ★ 26% in-kind contributions, foundations, churches, and businesses



2014 - 2015
Statement of Functional
Expense

- 79% Program
- 18% Fundraising
- 3% Administration

Stretching the budget through volunteer services and other opportunities helps to direct more \$\$ to our program.

As a 2015 - 2016 grant recipient from Arizona Serve, three AmeriCorps members will be assigned to help YOTO students at the school level this year. As a result, this partnership will contribute a combined total of 2,700 hours to YOTO, saving the organization \$60,400 in program costs.

OUR MISSION



Youth On Their Own

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



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Visit Youth On Their Own's Online Store!

Featuring new, unique, and one of a kind items from jewelry to art to vacation packages as well as fun YOTO logoed items like shirts, aprons, and more!

An easy way to shop and make a difference to help homeless youth stay in school!



Visit **yoto.org** to learn more about how YOU can make THE difference!

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