



YOUTH ON THEIR OWN™

COMMUNITY REPORT

2013-2014

Overview

- 300 received basic needs assistance with food or clothing
- 45% of students felt "thrown away" by their parents
- 15% parenting or pregnant
- 430 bus passes issued
- 177 received assistance with rental, utility, school, or medical services (44% increase)
- 33% of students were separated from their parents by court order

Race/Ethnicity

- 52% Hispanic
- 19% Caucasian
- 8% African American
- 9% Native American
- 9% Multiracial
- 3% Other

Reason for Homelessness

- 18% Conflict with Parent/Step
- 18% Extreme Poverty
- 17% Parental Substance Abuse
- 12% Physical/Sexual Abuse
- 11% Verbal/Emotional Abuse
- 10% Parental Death
- 7% Parental Incarceration
- 7% Pregnant/Sexual Orientation

Living Situation

- 46% relative
- 15% friend
- 14% group home
- 10% significant other
- 6% couch surfing, multiple situations or transitional housing
- 5% foster care
- 4% alone

Student Client Snapshot

- 1,231 served (8% increase)
- 125 schools
- 282 graduating seniors (11% increase)
- 57% female, 43% male
- 62% ages 12-17
- 38% ages 18-21

YOTO WISH LIST

★ **HELP MORE ...**
of the 6,000 known homeless and at-risk youth in Pima County stay in school!
It costs \$2,025 to keep one YOTO student in school for 9 months.

★ **OPEN ...**
a specialty thrift store that will provide a consistent revenue stream and allow our students to gain on-the-job work experience.
Consider donating an unused storefront to Youth On Their Own and take the rent write-off.

★ **BE REMEMBERED ...**
in your will, estate planning or IRA distribution.

★ **PAY OFF ...**
the mortgage balance on our office (\$225K).

★ **EARN ...**
your tax credit. Make your AZ Tax Credit to Youth On Their Own by December 31, 2014!

SAVE THE DATE

NOVEMBER 1 - DECEMBER 5, 2014

Student Holiday Appeal

Help make Happy Holidays for all YOTO students by donating a \$10 gift card to Target, Fry's, Walmart or Safeway.

DECEMBER 31, 2014 (AT THE LATEST)

Redirect Your Arizona State Tax Liability

Redirect to Youth On Their Own! Filing married, up to \$400; filing single, up to \$200. Keep your tax dollars working in Tucson.

MARCH 14, 2015

Talk of the Town - Casino Del Sol Resort

YOTO's annual signature event! Cocktails, fabulous dinner, silent and live auctions, live entertainment, special guests and more! Check YOTO.org in January for details.



To Whom It May Concern,

I would like to start by saying thank you to all the people who put in hard work to help me in my time of need. I am here to say that I have successfully finished high school. All the people that put their effort to help me are a big part of my life. I am now back on my feet and supporting myself with my new job. In August I am leaving for the United States Army in Fort Benning, Georgia. I can't thank you enough for giving me the support that nobody else did. I'm grateful for all of your support and proud to say that I finished high school because of Youth On Their Own.

With great appreciation,

Gabe Garcia



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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Carmona Family Volunteer Spotlight



Philanthropy is a given in the Carmona family, as three generations of family members have supported Youth On Their Own. The example set by Dr. Richard & Mrs. Diane Carmona, their children, and grandchildren is one for others to model.

As the Keynote Speaker at our Talk of the Town event in April 2014, Dr. Carmona, the 17th Surgeon General of the United States, a professor of surgery, public health, and family & community medicine at the University of Arizona, and highly decorated SWAT officer in Pima County, spoke of his former struggles with homelessness, hunger, and health issues. The Carmonas have provided leadership and support to a diverse collection of nonprofit organizations both locally and globally.

The Carmona's daughter, Carolyn Carmona-Guillot, together with her three siblings, was raised in an atmosphere of philanthropy, exposed to the spirit of giving through the "adoption" of underprivileged families during the holiday season. Her husband, Robert, was raised in a giving and caring military family, one which extended well beyond immediate members. Carolyn and Robert stress the "importance of teaching kids about real-world problems."

Their children, Catherine, 8, and Brendan, 4, have already demonstrated their commitment to paying it forward. After receiving Target gift cards for their birthdays, they each spent half of their gifts purchasing food for YOTO students, and helping stock the food on the shelves of our mini-mall.

Catherine is an active member of Wee Work, a nonprofit designed to involve 5-18 year olds in philanthropic projects. As part of Wee Work, Catherine has packed food boxes for the Community Food Bank and created decorations for the Humane Society. Catherine feels good helping others because "some people don't have anything." Brendan sums it up by adding that "it's nice to help people."

Monthly Giving Club

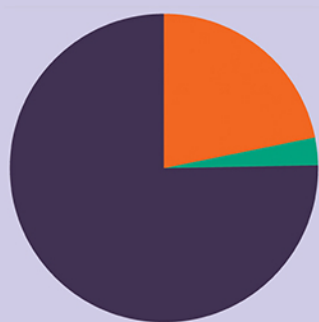
Over the last four years YOTO has experienced an astonishing increase of 131% in the number of youth served. But there are still more youth we need to reach. Together, we can meet the challenge and make a BIG impact.

Join the YOTO Champions Monthly Giving Club and be a Champion 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.

Please consider joining our Monthly Giving Club! YOU can make a difference for a deserving youth in need.



Financial Snapshot



■ Fundraising - 22%
■ Administration - 3%
■ Program - 75%

Income

Fundraising Events	\$344,564
Government Grants	\$165,281
Contributions, Gifts & Other Grants	\$1,621,147
Misc. Income	\$102,237

Total Income \$2,233,229

Expenses

Program Service Expenses	\$1,522,015
Administration Expenses	\$58,895
Fundraising Expenses	\$440,569

Total Expenses \$2,021,479

NET ASSETS AS OF JUNE 30, 2014 \$1,588,047

Monthly Giving:

- ★ Saves you time and postage.
- ★ Offers ongoing, annual, desperately needed support for an at-risk youth.



Exciting News at Youth On Their Own!

? Did you know that the process to drop out of school begins as early as 5th grade?

The Youth On Their Own program now includes qualifying middle school students enrolled in grades 6-8. The most difficult school years for all kids are middle school where peer pressure is powerful, autonomy reigns and kids are swayed into unproductive directions- especially kids without a stable family. Keeping kids in school is the Youth On Their Own goal!

? How are grades Kindergarten through 5th grade affected?

Studies indicate that elementary school children lacking proper school clothing struggle with lower self-esteem and are ashamed to attend school resulting in higher absenteeism. This perpetuates the process of eventual school dropout. Joining our Youth On Their Own family this year is KIDS IN NEED-AZ. A small non-profit also started in 1986, KIDS IN NEED-AZ provides elementary school children with two shopping trips per school year to purchase necessary school clothes. Working in collaboration with Title I schools in low income demographics, students are selected based upon need and earn the opportunity to participate in the shopping trip which allows each child to select up to \$125 worth of appropriate school clothing, with a mentoring adult shopper and high school helpers from local high school key clubs, honor societies and student councils. Visit our website at YOTO.org and click on KIN to learn more!

? What happens after a YOTO student graduates from high school?

Youth On Their Own offers a Career Development program that helps YOTO students prepare for life after high school. Without a stable family and parental guidance, most of the youth in our program cannot imagine what the next day of their life will bring let alone plan for life after high school. The YOTO Career Development department provides guidance, mentoring and training in:

- ★ Pursuing possible educational scholarship opportunities.
- ★ Assessing skills to determine possible career paths after high school.
- ★ Preparation for job placement, from application to resume to interview.



Jasmine
STUDENT STORY

Middle school was a difficult time in my life. I transferred schools and had to adjust to new teachers and make new friends. I lived with my mother and neither of us was really concerned about my education. My grades were mostly Ds and Fs and I was surprised when I passed the 8th grade. CPS entered my life for the second time, I was separated from my mother, and I moved in with a family friend.

When I entered high school I learned about Youth On Their Own through my school liaison. She explained that it was more than just a program for young adults; it was about being a part of a family that cares and motivates students to achieve their goals. I am currently a sophomore and have maintained a GPA of 3.75 and received a Certificate of Academic Achievement in recognition of commitment and exceptional performance. My attendance has also been spectacular!

Youth On Their Own has been a great deal of help to me and others. They have taught me how to manage money, be considerate of others, and work hard to achieve my personal goals. Thank you for all of the help, care, and love that you have shown to so many young adults, including myself, all around Tucson.



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