



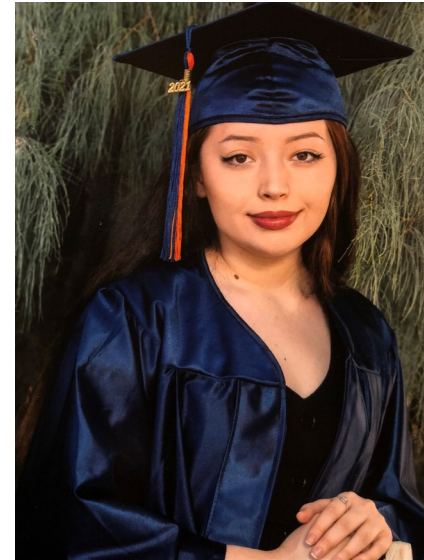
YOUTH ON THEIR OWN™

Supporting the high school graduation and continued success of youth experiencing homelessness in Pima County



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- 5 years with Youth on Their Own (YOTO)
- Leads YOTO's fundraising, communications & volunteer activities
- A native of Cleveland, OH
- Holds a BA in Anthropology from the University of Chicago.



Luna
YOTO Graduate

- Graduated from Cholla High School in 2021



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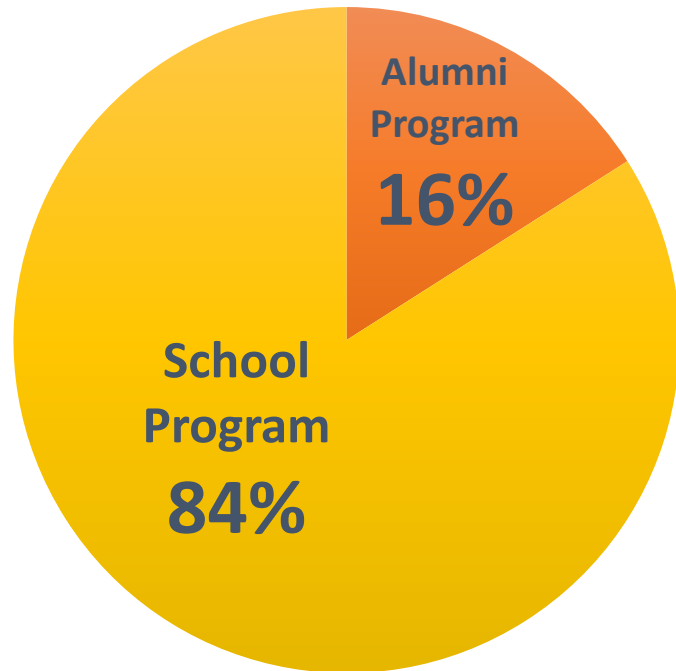


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WHO ARE YOTO YOUTH?

Ages: 12-26

Average age: 18



Most common reasons for homelessness:

- Parents kicked them out (new partner, differing belief systems, youth is LGBTQ+)
- Parents cannot afford to provide shelter, food, and clothing
- Parents struggle with physical or mental illness
- Parental substance abuse
- Parental deportation or incarceration

Most common living situations:

- Couch hopping
- Their own apartment (18+) or share an apartment
- Emergency shelter: Hotel/motel/shelters
- Not meant for long term habitation: Tent/car/outside

1 out of 5 are pregnant or parenting

1 out of 4 identify as LGBTQ+

OUR MISSION

To support the **high school graduation** and **continued success** of youth experiencing **homelessness**.

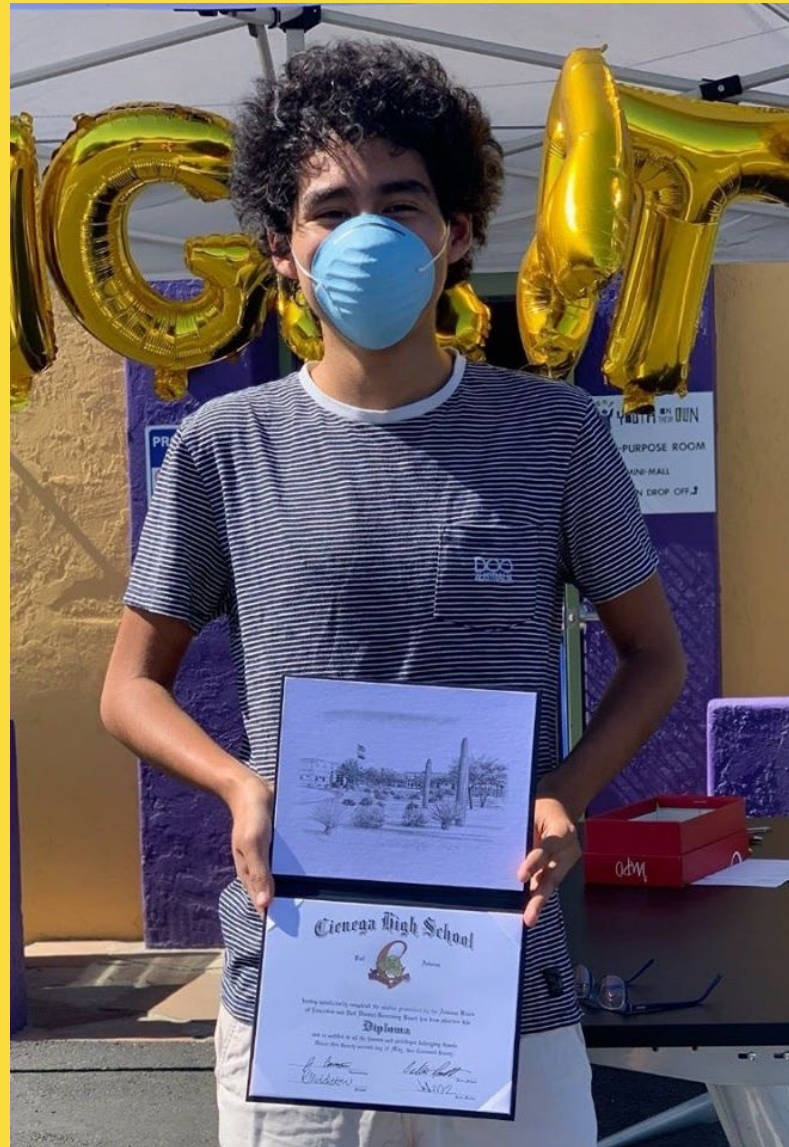
YOTO provides **three things**:

1. **Financial stipend**
2. **All basic needs for free**
3. **Guidance and support**



WHY IS YOTO'S WORK IMPORTANT?

- **When young people don't graduate, it affects us all**
 - Each dropout costs Tucson \$382,900 over their lifetime
 - No diploma, unemployment rate 3.5 times higher
- **It's really hard for homeless youth to graduate**
 - 64% graduation rate nationally
 - 4.5 times more likely to experience adult homelessness – it's a cycle!
- **Tucson needs help**
 - Pima County average graduation rate: 74%
 - Arizona has 2nd worst graduation rate in the US
 - >2,700 homeless school-aged youth identified in Pima County



LUNA'S STORY

YOTO'S FOREVER HOME!



2525 and 2509 N COUNTRY CLUB ROAD

Meet the demand!

Serve youth better!

Grow and adapt over time!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **Make a gift!**

No federal funding, most donations come from individuals,
TAX CREDIT!

- **Hold a donation drive & volunteer!**

200,000 items are donated each year

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **Educate yourself!**

Check out our website

- **Help spread the word!**

Youth homelessness is an invisible crisis. Many of us know teens who qualify for YOTO support. Talking about the issue helps break the stigma!

YOTO
is a
community...



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YOUTH ON THEIR OWN
BUSINESS
Activity, Education, and
Lifestyle

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

**Sue Ann Obremski
Quail Creek Caring Hearts & Hands**



Stocktober 2022 Winners!





THE VISION FOR OUR FUTURE



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THANK YOU
FOR SUPPORTING
YOTO YOUTH!