

YOUTH ON THEIR OWN

NEWSLETTER



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Educating homeless teens. Investing in Tucson's future.

SUCCESS STORY!



Brienne Dylewski, 1998 Rincon High School graduate, articulated both life and professional experiences with impeccable grace and poise. The 29-year-old Certified Financial Planner™ and Partner of Financial Architects in Tucson admits that she does her share of handholding these days in a growling Bear market. "This hit every asset class," she said, regarding the economic crisis. "We're all in this boat together." Understandably, many

clients are nervous. Brienne's calm, analytical and logical approach to problem-solving assists clientele with taking information and breaking it down to make wise investment decisions that are in their best interests.

"When I was asked what I wanted to be when I grew up, I always said 'an architect'," she stated. Brienne, a single child, was constantly drawing floor plans. Upon high school graduation, she attended the University of Arizona with an intended major in architecture. But as she began her studies, along with working 60 hours or more each week as a head server – Brienne refused to incur college debt – the rigor and additional college years gave way to realism and the need for a more balanced life. "I asked myself, 'What am I good at? What do I enjoy?'" She investigated career possibilities that would utilize her analytical strength and affinity for mathematics and budgeting.

In 2002, Brienne graduated from the Eller College of Business with a B.S. in Accounting. During her senior year of college she acquired her Series 7 and 66 licenses from the National Association of Securities Dealers and her Arizona State Life and Health Insurance license. Her first position was with American Express Financial Advisors. She joined Financial Architects in September 2003 and purchased one-half of the practice in 2007. Brienne and partner Jim Walker, although 40 years her senior, share the same philosophy when it comes to politics, ethics and putting the clients' needs first, which translates into an importance placed on building long-term relationships.

Brienne: intelligent, confident, impressive. Yet her youth mirrored the home life of students in the YOTO program today: an environment surrounded by chaos and uncertainty. The utilities were shut off due to nonpayment and eventually she and her mother – with whom Brienne had been living – were evicted from their apartment. Her mom could no longer work due to alcoholism; Brienne never knew her father. "I just did what I needed to do in life. There was nothing to fall back on," she noted. "I got to the point that I'd done what I could for my mother, and I needed to take care of myself – do what was right for me," she said. A tough choice for a 17-year-old with only two suitcases to her name and a bit of money saved up from working graveyard shifts at Subway.

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SAVE THE DATE!

Top of the Town '09
for the benefit of YOUTH ON THEIR OWN

Youth On Their Own's 14th Annual Fundraising Gala

Saturday, March 7, 2009 at 5:30 pm
The Westin La Paloma Resort & Spa

Auction, Dinner and Dancing! For event information and ticket purchase, visit www.yoto.org or call the office at 520.293.1136.

Take a Step on the Wild Side Stems A Shoe Boutique Fashion Show

Friday, March 6, 2009 • 5:30pm Cocktails – 6:30pm Show
St. Philip's Plaza – SE Corner of River & Campbell

10% of event sales benefit YOTO students

Discover new trends in footwear from renowned designers Stuart Weitzman, Sam Edelman, Michael Kors, and more. 25% off any purchase during the event; goodie bags with items from featured designers and participating local boutiques!

For questions or more information, contact Natasha Holstine info@stemsashoboutique.com or 520.615.1404.

Arizona Roofing Contractors Association "Raising the Roof for YOTO" 6th Annual Charity Bowling Tournament

Silent Auction, Raffle & Prize Lanes

Saturday, July 11, 2009 • 11:00am Registration & Lunch
Noon - 4:00pm Tournament Play

- Golden Pin Lanes – 1010 W. Miracle Mile
- Team registration fee \$300 (six bowlers per team)
- To register call 520.882.5757 or 877.335.2722

Participants receive three games of tournament bowling, shoe rental, lunch, registration bag with fun goodies, event T-shirt and door prizes!

Drop-ins and non-bowlers \$20, includes registration bag and lunch. Event Theme: "Mardi Gras" – Prize awarded for the best team costume

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★ YOUTH ON THEIR OWN VISION:

- ★ to empower young people on their own to become positive and productive citizens of our community.





A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In the course of speaking with donors and other community members, I am often asked if YOTO is able to serve all of our community's homeless unaccompanied 8th grade to 12th grade students. My answer to this question is always two-fold.

First, current resources have allowed us to enroll all eligible students referred to us by local public schools this academic year. With the current budget – and optimistically predicting no further reductions in community support – the agency will serve over 500 students this year without having to implement a waiting list for services. In addition, I am hopeful that we will be able to help all of our student clients who wish to attend summer school with fee assistance and stipends.

The second part of my answer is a bit more complicated. The fact is that, while we are capable of serving all students who have been identified as eligible for YOTO, there is a fairly loud voice in the back of my head that insists we have much work to do to find students who are homeless unaccompanied, yet remain “under the radar” of their schools, other community service providers and YOTO.

A few weeks ago while attending a sporting event, I engaged in a conversation with a woman who shared that she and her husband – “empty-nesters” for several years – have suddenly become the temporary caregivers for a distant relative's three children: one of whom is a 15-year-old boy. In spite of having enrolled the teen at a local public school, where his living situation was disclosed during the registration process, no one in the school had identified him as eligible for YOTO services or linked him with the school's YOTO liaison – most likely because most school personnel, like the rest of us, may not see kids living in a safe environment with caring adults at this moment as homeless. Yet they are, according to the law, because the temporary nature of their setting, from our experience and according to nationwide reports, is a key factor in their vulnerability to dropping out of school.

Due to that chance encounter at the ball game, the young man is now enrolled in YOTO's program. He committed to turning his grades around so that he stays on the path toward eventual graduation in spite of his circumstances. In addition, we have been able to educate key personnel at his school about student homelessness and YOTO services, and believe that this greater awareness will result in fewer students “falling through the cracks” at that school.

Bringing a greater level of understanding about homelessness to educators, caregivers, and the general public is both a challenge and an opportunity and figures prominently in the agency's priorities for 2009 – even if succeeding means that current resources will not stretch to meet the need. We will simply have to work harder to find the necessary resources, in spite of troubling economic times. We are confident that the Metro Tucson community will continue to invest in the future of YOTO's services and the lives of these most deserving teens.

In service to Tucson's youth,
Mary Gruensfelder-Cox, MPA
 Executive Director

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR YOUTH ON THEIR OWN (YOTO)

- I. **Age**
 Thirteen (13) years-old, or enrolled in the 8th grade, through twenty (20) years-old, as long as achievement of a high school diploma is feasible by the end of the student's 21st year. Eligibility for special education students extends by one year.
- II. **Living Situation**
BOTH of these situations must be present to be considered for Youth On Their Own:
 - Youth who are unaccompanied through no fault/choice of their own
 - o Not in the physical custody of a parent or long-term (more than 12 months) legal guardian, AND
 - Homeless per the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act definition
 - o Living with a friend, relative or someone else because they lost their home or can't afford a home
 - o Living in a homeless youth shelter
 - o Staying in a motel or hotel, car, park, or other public place not meant for habitation
 - o Awaiting Foster Care placement

YOTO will also consider students in the following living situations with caseworker approval:

 - Group Home placements
 - Temporary Foster Care placement
- III. **School Enrollment**
 Student must be in enrolled in school with the intention to graduate. The student is required to comply with the YOTO contract with regard to attendance and performance standards.



★ YOUTH ON THEIR OWN NAMED ★ SMALL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR!

YOTO staff and several members of the board ventured north to Phoenix late afternoon on December 2, 2008 to attend the statewide, inaugural Non-Profit and Corporate Responsibility Awards hosted by Arizona Business Magazine, in partnership with the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits.

The Non-Profit and Corporate Responsibility Awards pay tribute to the nonprofit organizations that make a positive impact on the community — and continue to do so under difficult financial constraints. Also honored were the efforts of the corporations supporting these nonprofits. Many corporate executives and employees volunteer time on boards and lend support through financial donations, sponsorships and other forms of service.

“In these increasingly difficult times, it is more important than ever to remember our fellow members in the community who need help — and the organizations that are working tirelessly to provide that assistance,” says Josh Schimmels, vice president of business development for Arizona Business Magazine.

Adds Patrick McWhorter, president and CEO of the Alliance of Arizona Nonprofits: “These awards emphasize the fact that nonprofits— or, what I prefer to call organizations in the community investment business —are annually contributing \$18 billion to our economy — that’s 450 Super Bowls EVERY YEAR.”

Youth On Their Own was the only nonprofit in the southwest region to receive an award.

Honorees in the Nonprofit Category:

- Organization of the Year: Small —Youth On Their Own
- Organization of the Year: Medium— Arizona Foundation For Women
- Organization of the Year: Large —Sojourner Center, Phoenix
- Leadership Excellence— Dana Campbell Saylor, CEO, YWCA Maricopa County
- Team— American Red Cross, Grand Canyon Chapter
- Project Collaboration —HandsOn Greater Phoenix
- Social Enterprise — Phoenix Children’s Hospital Breathmobile Unit
- Volunteer— Freddie Tomooka, Valley of the Sun United Way



Board Vice-President Patti Yenerich accepted the Small Nonprofit of the Year Award on behalf of YOTO.

Volunteer Spotlight: ISABEL HENDRICKS

Imagine the preparations that go into throwing a dinner party for ten, then multiply that by forty since typically 400 to 450 guests attend the Top of the Town Gala each year. When Isabel and volunteer committee member Gigi Parisi put their creative, detail-oriented heads together, watch out!

Production Team Leader and committee responsibilities include arranging the silent auction items in an aesthetically pleasing yet functional manner and transforming La Paloma’s ballroom with decorations in keeping with the Gala’s theme. Isabel’s a natural for this position. She has owned and run her own business – H& H Electric, Inc. in Portland, Oregon – for nearly 27 years. The company provides the installation of high quality street, highway, airport, and traffic lighting. Under her leadership, H & H Electric, Inc. earned the reputation for being one of the most expert, reliable, and efficient electrical contractors in their field for the region. Isabel and the firm received numerous awards, and one of her most rewarding experiences was her involvement in apprenticeship efforts. “I was on the Apprenticeship Committee, which mentors and supports young men and women to become journeymen electricians,” she stated. Isabel knows first-hand that youth need support to be successful in life.

She and her husband, Gary, came to Tucson in 1996 to visit friends. “I saw the Catalinas and that’s all it took!” Isabel said, laughing. They visit Portland, still keeping an eye on the business until full retirement, and thoroughly enjoy their family: three sons, eight grandchildren and two great grandsons. Thank you so much, Isabel and Gigi. We can’t wait to see what you two have planned for Top of the Town ‘09!



Isabel Hendricks (r) with Top of the Town ‘09 Chair Barbara Bardach (l).



YOTO WELCOMES...

TERRY HLIVKO, Board of Directors

Youth On their Own is pleased to announce that Terry Hlivko joined the Board of Directors in January 2009. Mr. Hlivko, Financial Advisor at Edward Jones Investments since 2002, brings strengths in finance and investment techniques enhanced by over 25 years of experience in senior management positions held during a distinguished career at Kachina-Mayflower and US Moving/MoveLine, Inc. Notable skills encompass the creation and growth of a solid client base, formation of an operations team to increase customer satisfaction level, in addition to his expertise in sales, customer service and web-based marketing.

Mr. Hlivko is also a member of the YOTO Finance Committee, which meets on a monthly basis to oversee the organization’s resources, entrusted by our contributors, to continue a legacy of fiscal responsibility and wise stewardship. “I feel that serving on the board is a unique opportunity for me to be able to give back to our community and share with YOTO my desire to help deserving high school students complete their education,” said Terry. “I am always willing to work with conscientious young adults who are interested in bettering themselves.”

Mr. Hlivko received a B.A. in Mathematics from The College of Artesia in New Mexico. His interests range from involvement with local community organizations such as Pantano Rotary Club and Tucson Chamber Military Affairs Committee to reading, golf, and enjoying other outdoor activities with his wife, Denyce.



RON GILBERT, YOTO Interim Operations Manager

Ron Gilbert stepped into an important agency position this January – operations – to facilitate a smooth transition of this vital function with Maria Castro’s departure. Ron’s experience in customer service was immediately evident with the friendly and respectful manner in which he treats those who call or visit our office, whether he addresses a YOTO student, a volunteer or a donor. He will also take this time to scrutinize all site operations from the “Mini-Mall” to data entry and provide recommendations for a permanent staffing plan.

With an impressive career in banking that spans 25 years, Ron’s credentials include Assistant Vice President at NS&T Bank in Washington, D.C. In Tucson, he was Branch Manager of National Bank of Arizona/Commercial Federal Bank and Office Manager/Client Service Representative and Event Manager for Mission Management & Trust Company. His early education led him to foreign lands: Argentina and England. Ron graduated with a B.A. in International Affairs from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. and is fluent in both English and Spanish.

“It has been very rewarding for me to see how generous people can be to those in need,” he said. “Working at YOTO has been an eye opener. I’ve been very inspired.” In his spare time, Ron enjoys detailing cars. “It relaxes me and gives me a feeling of solice.”



FAREWELL, MARIA

Maria Castro served the agency and Tucson’s homeless unaccompanied youth for nine years.

A constant as the organization grew, we often refer to Maria, only partly in jest, as “the corporate memory” since she brought invaluable historic perspective in myriad aspects during staff team meetings. As many in nonprofits must, she donned various ‘hats’, graciously and without complaint, throughout her YOTO career.

Considering her family’s best interests, Maria decided to leave the agency and the demands of the full-time Operations Manager position. Her last day was January 30; staff celebrated her “retirement” with lunch, gifts, and a delicious cake that was decorated with the YOTO logo. She will remain involved in special projects and be available during the transition of responsibilities should questions arise. We are truly grateful for her flexibility and determined spirit. Soft yet tough, Maria’s sense of humor and wit will be missed. To coin a phrase that’s oh, so Maria, we don’t bid her adios, rather, “See you later . . . sister!”

“Past experience, if not forgotten, is a guide to the future.”
– Chinese proverb



ANNUAL STUDENT HOLIDAY PARTY '08 IN REVIEW



Over 325 YOTO students, student guests, and community volunteers attended this year's Student Holiday Party! The event began with an Italian holiday feast, which was donated, delivered, and served by the staff of the Olive Garden located at Broadway and Craycroft. After a delicious meal, students headed off to the five themed gift rooms where sponsor volunteers awaited their arrival with great anticipation. The gifts were magnificent, new – many were practical, some just plain fun – and each was carefully picked out with YOTO students in mind. Students chose a gift from each room as well as participated in the raffle. Any remaining gifts were transported back to the YOTO office so that students with work commitments could also be a part of this traditional event.

"This is the second Holiday Party I've attended: Awesome!"
 – P.F., a local charter school student



We are sincerely grateful for the support of this year's room sponsors, volunteers, and contributors who made the event so fantastic for YOTO students. Special recognition goes to our hosts that evening: Pastors Gil and Marylou Garcia and the members of Son Life Chapel.

"This is more than I ever imagined. Thank you so much!"
 – A.C., a local high school student





ANNUAL STUDENT HOLIDAY PARTY '08 IN REVIEW CONTINUED

On behalf of all YOTO students, board members and staff ... Thank you!

Gift Room Sponsors

- Calvary Chapel Vail Youth Group
- City of Tucson HR Department
- Raytheon IT Department
- Raytheon Women's Network
- Resurrection Lutheran Church of Oro Valley
- Son Life Chapel
- Southern Arizona Home Builders Association
Sales & Marketing Philanthropy Committee
- Southern Arizona Women's & Men's 20/30 Clubs
- Tucson Electric Power

Venue, Music & Visuals

- Son Life Chapel

Table Decorations & Dessert

- Son Life Chapel
- Tucson Mommies 2004 Northwest

Holiday Meal

- Olive Garden at Broadway & Craycroft

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ANNUAL STUDENT HOLIDAY

PARTY '08 IN REVIEW CONTINUED

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Robin Stancliff Photography.

Robin, we appreciate all you do for YOTO!

STUDENT NEEDS ALERT!

Oh Mercy!!!! We've seen it all . . .

Or, as today's youth might say, "eeeeuuuuuuuuuu!" Please do your best to donate only apparel, furniture and household items that are suitable for teens living on their own and make sure donated items are clean and ready for immediate use. Sorting through dirty clothing, unsuitable bric-a-brac, rodent-infested furniture, and grandma's old moldy shoes taxes the tolerance (and, sometimes, the stomachs) of our volunteers whose hard work and dedication make the YOTO Mini-Mall a reality. If you have items that are usable, but not useful for YOTO's student clientele, please consider contributing those items to one of Tucson's other fine human service agencies, such as Goodwill (882.5152), Casa de los Niños (325.2573), or Big Brothers Big Sisters (624.7039). Visit YOTO's website (yoto.org) and click on "Basic Needs Bank" to learn more about items that are needed for YOTO's kids. Thank you for your understanding!

Current "Mini-Mall" Needs

Laundry Detergent (32 loads or less/container)
Dish Soap
Disposable Diapers (Sizes 3, 4, 5 & 6)
Pull-up Disposable Diapers (Sizes 2T/3T & 4T/5T)

Hygiene Kits

Each student may request one hygiene kit per month. To meet demand, we welcome donations of pre-assembled kits. Please start with a one-gallon Ziploc® bag, then add the following new, unopened, gender-oriented items to create a male or female kit:

- Shampoo 15 oz.
- Conditioner 15 oz.
- Bar of soap 4.5 oz.
- Toothpaste 4.6 oz.
- Toothbrush
- Deodorant 1.7 oz.
- Disposable razors (2)
- Shaving cream 2.75 oz.

YOTO is also in need of contributions of specific new hygiene products to complete male and female kits; namely, shampoo and conditioner (both 15 oz. size), women's deodorant, tampons (unopened boxes of 20/40 count) and sanitary pads (unopened boxes).

Household Items

Small couches	Desks
End tables and lamps	Bath towels/washcloths
Tables with four chairs	Dishes, glasses, silverware,
Dressers	pots and pans



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Businesses and Organizations

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Arizona Good Sam Organization-Catalina
Arizona Roofing Contractors Association
Bolchalk Frey Marketing
Burch Realty & Investment Co.
Catalina Foothills High School
Community Church at SaddleBrooke
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Arizona
Community Schools
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Immanuel Presbyterian Church Women's
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Marilyn Haas Community Youth Fund through
The Jewish Community Foundation of
Southern Arizona
Mountain View Ladies Putters
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O'Rielly Family Foundation
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Southern Arizona Sports Foundation
Spirits Child
St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church
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Association
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Stone Canyon Community Foundation
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 Trinity Presbyterian Women
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 Tucson Chapter ALA
 Tucson City Church of Christ
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 United Methodist Women of Sanctuary United Methodist Fellowship
 United Methodist Women of Christ Church
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 Young Foundation

Charitable Work Campaigns

Cardinal Health
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Help Wanted: Front Desk Receptionists – We Need You!!

Help Youth On Their Own save money on administrative costs by volunteering in the office. This position entails meeting and greeting YOTO student clients and supporters, answering general questions and phone calls, and directing calls to the appropriate staff member. Flexible hours and days are available Monday – Friday.

Trucks and Muscles

Volunteers needed on an “on call” basis! Youth On Their Own receives calls regarding contributions of household goods, such as small couches, student desks, and mattresses and box springs, which are perfect for student use but the donor is unable to deliver items to the YOTO office. This is the ideal opportunity if you are unable to volunteer on a weekly, regular basis but want to help, you possess a vehicle that can accommodate large items and are willing to pick-up items and deliver them to YOTO.

For volunteer inquires, please contact Ron Gilbert, YOTO Interim Operations Manager, at 293.1136 x 203 or rgilbert@yoto.org.

Editor’s Corner

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Thank you!