



*"YOTO's support has shown me that there is hope and people out in the world that care about you. No matter what I'm struggling with, there are people at YOTO who care about my wellbeing and success."*

April 22, 2025

Stone Canyon Community Foundation  
Community Foundation for Southern Arizona  
c/o Rick Ellspermann, SCCF Grants Committee Chair  
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- YOTO Graduate

Dear Rick & Friends at Stone Canyon Community Foundation,

It's hard to believe, but 39 years ago YOTO was just a tiny grassroots organization serving a handful of young people. Since then, YOTO Family members like you have transformed our organization, providing support to tens of thousands of youth experiencing homelessness. Your recent grant of \$30,000.00 from the Stone Canyon Community Foundation held at the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona supporting client services helps YOTO students graduate from high school and pursue their career and educational dreams! Thank you!

We're always delighted to see the smile on a student's face as they walk across the stage and collect their diploma. With so much courage, perseverance, and resilience, they serve as role models for us all, proving that with hard work and the support of community, we can succeed. As much as YOTO youth inspire us, however, remember – you inspire them, too! As one recent YOTO graduate explained:

*"I'll never forget the difference you've made in my life. You have not only helped me obtain the education that I deserve, but you have also motivated me to want to help others!"*

Because of your dedication and the example you set, YOTO program participants are inspired to lift up not only themselves, but others – and help build a better community for us all. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for inspiring and being inspired by YOTO young adults. We're honored to have you in our YOTO Family!

With gratitude,

*Marissa Washington*

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Senior Grants Manager

*Thank you, thank you!  
We are grateful*

*Your gift of \$30,000.00 from the Stone Canyon Community Foundation held at the Community Foundation for Southern Arizona was received on 04/21/2025*

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