

YOUTH ON THEIR OWN™



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

★ YOTO's definition of homelessness: encompasses multiple definitions

★ McKinney Vento

★ HUD

★ Unaccompanied

★ Foster Care

The youth we serve are:

- In grades 6-12
- Enrolled in one of 125+ public, private, charter, or alternative schools throughout Tucson and Pima County
- Not living with a biological or adoptive parent
- Homeless and abandoned ***through no fault of their own***



Celebrating 32 Years...



The need

- **Arizona ranks #4** in the U.S. for high school dropouts.
(U.S. Department of Education, April 2014)
- There are **5,600+ homeless students** in Pima County.
(Arizona Department of Education, December 2014)
- Homeless, uneducated youth do not relocate to other cities for better opportunities; they remain in Tucson as homeless, uneducated, unemployable adults dependent on our social welfare system.



Living Situation

The following information is taken from the 2017-2018 YOTO Application.



Living Situation	Number of Students
Relative	45%
Friend	15%
Group Home	10%
Boyfriend/Girlfriend	9%
Foster Family	7%
Couch Hopping	7%
My Own Apartment	3%
Step Parent	1%
Shelter	1%

Sleeping Situation	Number of Students
My own Bed	55%
Couch/ Sofa	19%
Share a bed	19%
Floor	5%
Outside	1%
Car	0.2%

* Info gathered through a Multi Select Question. % are based off our total served



YOTO PROGRAM

The **YOTO Program** focuses on three essential areas designed to give homeless youth the *resources, support, and skills* they need to make staying in school a priority:

- ★ **Financial Assistance:** students may earn a monthly stipend of up to \$140 based on passing grades and good school attendance
- ★ **Basic Human Needs:**
 - emergency financial assistance (*up to \$500/semester*)
 - food, clothing, shoes, hygiene items, school supplies, etc. through YOTO's Mini-Mall
 - transportation assistance (*bikes, bus passes, etc.*)
 - \$20 gift cards for other personal needs
- ★ **Guidance:** volunteer School Liaisons and YOTO Program Coordinators provide referrals and promptly respond to youth's basic survival needs





YOTO Enrollment Growth

<u>SCHOOL YEAR</u>	<u>TOTAL STUDENTS</u>	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>GRADUATES</u>
2009-2010	492	N/A	
2010-2011	573	16%	
2011-2012	708	24%	
2012-2013	1137	61%	
2013-2014	1231	8%	
2014-2015	1468	19%	
2015-2016	1588	9%	214
2016-2017	1611	1%	275
2017-2018	1741	9%	327



53 graduates from TUSD!



TOTAL 2017-2018
GRADUATES

THANKS TO YOUR PARTNERSHIP, TOGETHER WE HAVE
BEEN ABLE TO HELP OUR YOTO STUDENTS ACHIEVE!

84%

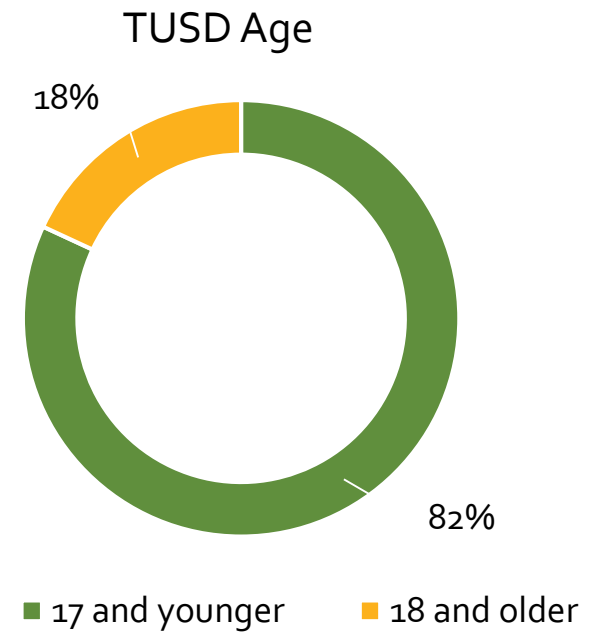
2017-2018 YOTO
GRADUATION RATE

*Thank You for your
Support!*

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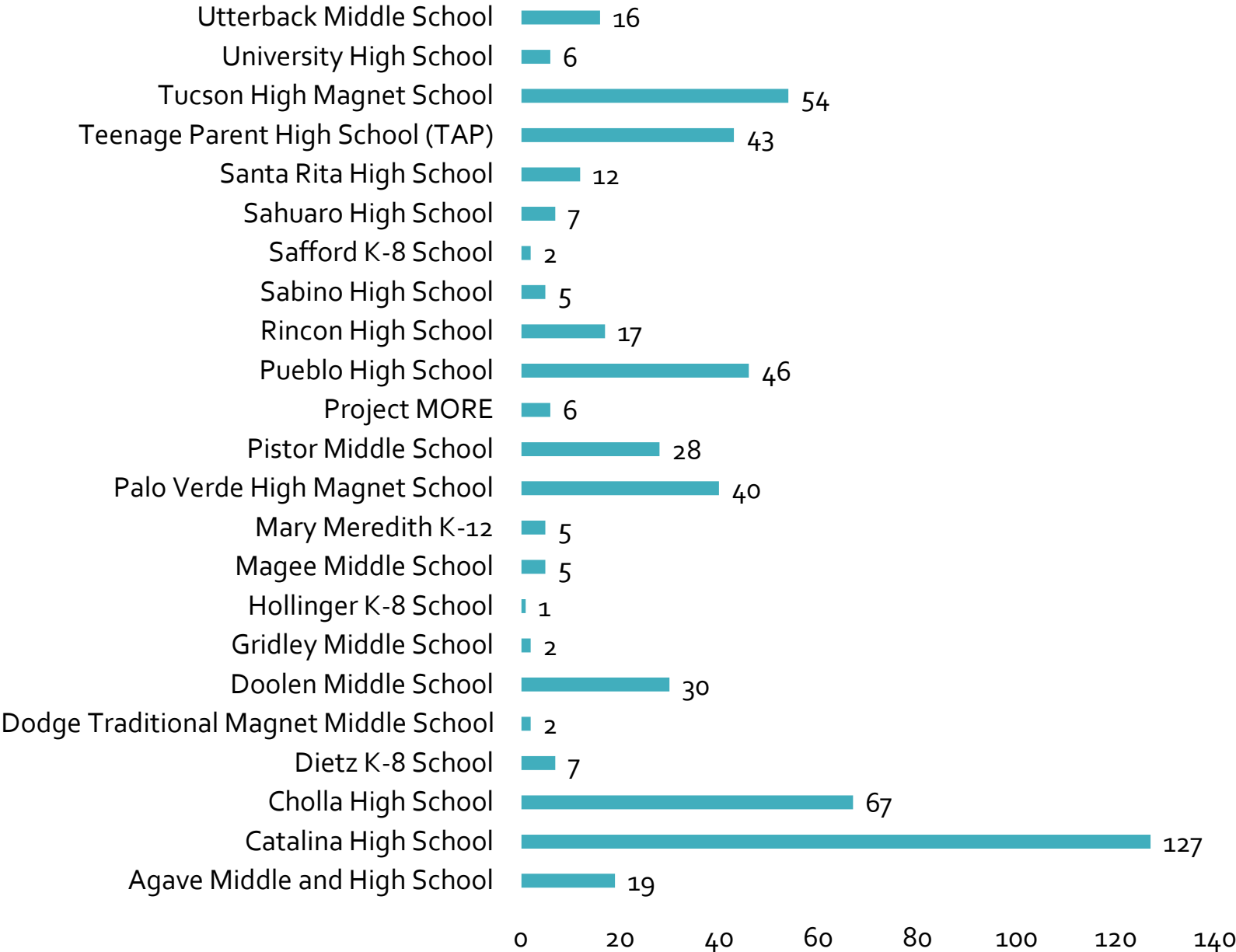
TUSD & YOTO

- **541** TUSD students in the program (31.4%)
- **16,434lbs** of mini-mall items (food, hygiene items, school supplies, etc.) given out to TUSD YOTO students
- **2.65** Average monthly GPA
- **71%** stipend request form turn in rate





Number ofYOTO Students by School



Stipend Checks & More!

- >\$11,000 in gift cards
- >\$16,000 in special needs assistance (school fees, utilities, rent, etc.)
- >\$200,000 in stipend checks





Over

\$225,000!

To TUSD YOTO
Students





YOTO – How are we funded?

YOTO receives over 94% of our support from the community.

- Individual donations including tax credits
- Businesses
- Churches and civic organizations
- Family & corporate foundations
- Third party events

The City of Tucson and Pima County contributes 6% of our budget

Donations are both monetary and in kind to provide items for the mini mall located in the Student Success Center where students shop for free.

You make the difference!



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- Over the last eight school years, we have experienced a staggering **250% increase** in the number of students served...
- ...but there are still many more youth in Pima County we need to reach.
- Together, we can meet the challenge and make a **BIG** impact in our community!

INVEST IN POSITIVE CHANGE.

INVEST IN THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY!

Thank you!

