



## **VISION**

Young people on their own are empowered, positive and productive citizens of our community.

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Youth On Their Own (YOTO) supports the high school graduation and continued success of homeless youth by providing financial assistance, basic human needs and guidance.

## **VALUES**

### **As a youth-serving, youth-centered organization, we believe...**

- ★ YOTO is a safe place for youth to ask for help. No youth should be abandoned and every youth deserves the compassion and support of their community. The simple act of being caring about is transformational for youth.
- ★ Every homeless teen has potential and deserves to graduate from high school. Youth deserve to know that a bright future is their right, but that it requires effort to attain.
- ★ YOTO provides guidance during the most challenging time in a young person's life, helping youth learn accountability, responsibility and self-sufficiency. Guidance and belief in the student is just as important as the stipend and material support.
- ★ Today's youth are tomorrow's future. Our investment in youth today leads to a positive impact on the future of our entire community.

### **As a nonprofit organization providing social benefit in our community, we believe in...**

- ★ Building and maintaining trust and transparency with our donors and honoring the intent of their gifts.
- ★ Being good stewards of money and maintaining a sustainable organization
- ★ Communicating the impact of our donor's gifts.
- ★ Taking care of our staff and volunteers who are serving our students.
- ★ Nurturing collaborative relationships with schools and other nonprofits in our community, without whom we could not do this work.