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Splendido Residents Help Homeless Youth Experience the Joy of Art

TUCSON, AZ. (September 8, 2022) – Knowing the positive impact creative expression can have, residents of [Splendido](#), a Life Plan Community in Oro Valley, recently donated a carload of art supplies to Youth On Their Own (YOTO).

Resident Sandra Procida heard of the need through her involvement with the Southern Arizona Art Guild. An artist herself, she connected with fellow residents who share her passion, including Ellie Cannan. Together, they put out a call for new or gently used art supplies to the entire Splendido community, and the response was overwhelming.

Residents ended up filling more than a dozen large boxes with quality art supplies, including canvases, acrylic paints, watercolor paints, art pencils, palettes, different types of paper, and more, that were delivered to YOTO. The organization provides support services for 6th-12th-grade homeless children in the Tucson area, helping them stay in school and in many cases, continue on to college.

“We hoped our Splendido Art Group could donate quality supplies to this important group of youths so they can also experience the joy and insight art brings into our lives,” said Procida, whose husband, Phil, had previously worked with YOTO to provide bicycle repair and donations for the group.

Many residents were involved in artistic endeavors before they moved to Splendido, but others are embracing creative expression for the first time through the many programs offered at the community. “We all appreciate the active art environment at Splendido and the magical ideas Caroline Edasis (Director of Community Engagement) provides,” said Cannan. “Residents appreciated the chance to share their passion with these young people.”

YOTO supports the high school graduation and continued success of youth experiencing homelessness in Pima County. For over 35 years, it has supported this unique demographic by providing financial assistance, basic human needs, guidance, and more. YOTO has supported over 20,000 local youth in their journeys toward high school graduation.

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ABOUT SPLENDIDO:

Splendido offers a full-service lifestyle for adults 55 years and better through its fitness center, holistic wellness space, indoor and outdoor swimming pools, 24-hour concierge service, multiple restaurants and lounges, an 18-hole putting course and cinema. Splendido is a joint venture of Mather, a non-denominational, not-for-profit organization headquartered in Evanston, Ill., that creates Ways to Age WellSM for older adults, and Plaza Companies, an Arizona-based leader in senior living communities and health care facilities. To learn more about Splendido, call 878.2612 or visit www.splendidotucson.com.

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