



Breaking the Cycle

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Serving Arizona Foster Youth

No hope, life, or path
Fully me, strong, accepted
I'm unexpected



The haiku (Japanese poem) Rosa wrote to express her transformation

VISION

We transform lives – one teen at a time.

MISSION

We spark the greatness in Arizona's Foster Youth to help them realize their potential and to make the world a more peaceful and loving place.

WHAT WE DO

Since 2007, the Scott Foundation has touched the lives of more than 6,000 young people through experiential learning designed to encourage the value of selfless service. In giving back to others, these magnificent young adults redirected nearly \$764,000 in donations back to the community through their selfless service and compassion for others. Over time, we recognized that the youth who were most receptive to that concept were those who needed it most. So, we decided to redirect our efforts solely on the most vulnerable of Arizona's youth, Arizona's Foster Teen population.

TODAY'S PROGRAM

Scott Foundation disrupts the social norm to spark the potential greatness in AZ foster youth. We focus on 13-17 year old's and young adults 18-25, since they are considered to be within the Arizona Department Child Safety and Healthcare transition period. We assist these young people in gaining practical skills for life but more importantly, help them develop a healthier sense of self, compassionate hearts and purposeful career paths. They learn to live in selfless service to others and evolve emotionally so their perspective about themselves shifts and their individual potential can blossom. Our Master Class program averages 100 learning experiences per year, per person – many having experiences in 8 different and exciting careers. When they 'age out' of the system, at 18, they will have a chance at success and not become part of the statistics.



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"Along with developing heads, we must also develop hearts. For it is the heart alone that determines whether the power derived from knowledge will be used for positive means or negative ends."
- ISSE-USA

Only 54% will have a high school diploma
20% will become homeless within a year
25% will become incarcerated within two years
Only 50% will be underemployed by age 24
Only 3% will obtain a college degree
71% of all girls will become pregnant before age 21

OUR OUTCOMES

For participants who remain in our program

100% graduate high school
82% average decrease in case 'incident' reports
No arrests
No pregnancies
80% reduction in prescribed drugs
90% average reduction in self-harm attempts
97% average program attendance
450 average volunteer hours per youth, annually

OUR HISTORY

Colleen Walski, the founder of Scott Foundation, is a visionary and inspired leader who has woven together spiritual leaders, change-makers, community leaders, philanthropists, executives and entrepreneurs to enrich the lives of Arizona's Foster Youth. Inspired by the lasting memory of her only son, Scott, who was tragically taken when he was only 27, Colleen is dedicated to helping young people, just as Scott always did. Her passion for giving-back is the core principle that helped her overcome the pain from her loss and eventually heal. Foster youth also face pain and need healing from the traumatic lives they were experiencing before entering the system, which were often filled with physical, sexual and emotional abuse, neglect, poverty and crime. Scott Foundation helps these beautiful young people become whole so they can look forward to productive and satisfying futures.