

## **Dear Tucson...**

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**Each issue we link up with Rachel Miller's [Love Letters to Tucson](#) blog for a letter from a Tucson inhabitant about why they love this fair city. This month: Liane Hernandez, community life director of YWCA Tucson, is in love with the Tucson spirit, messed-up roads and all. *Photos by Rachel Miller***

"Tucson,

I want to say thank you from the bottom, top and sides of my topsy-turvy heart. Your barrios, parks, messed-up roads and endless sunsets remind me to take a minute, breathe

and go forth in confidence and joy.

Here, I discovered that this broken little orphan girl could be and was actually part of a long line of strong women. That my story has a contented and comfortable space to be fully expressed. That my sister is human and capable of more love than I ever believed possible.

Here, I became an adult and learned to take responsibility for myself and therefore I also witness that in fact I am my community's keeper.

Here, I learned that I must use my voice.

Here, in this beautiful land, I found riches of spirit and expression in the people who call me friend, sister, comadre.

Here, I met women and men that work hard, care passionately, express their truth, bear witness, laugh, cry and persevere.

Here, I learned the language of art.

Here, I found HOME.

Thank you, Tucson, for showing me that this life is so much more and that I have so much left to give."

- Liane

*Surrounded by art, Liane Hernandez shares the mission of the YWCA to eliminate racism, empower women and promote peace, justice, freedom and dignity for all. On the West side of Tucson, [the YWCA](#) provides a venue for art that reflects its mission. Alongside the Galleria, [Your Sister's Closet](#) supports women in need of interview and workplace-ready clothing, shoes and accessories who do not have the financial support to take this step towards independence and leadership.*

**\* The next exhibit in the YW Galleria is [Cristina Cardenas](#)' Los Ojos de Mujer Artista que Emigra starting January 9th.**

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