



Desert Arc

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

FALL 2018



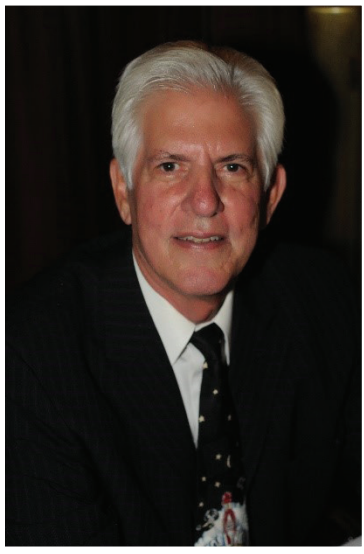
Desert Arc's Mission in Motion

ENHANCE THE QUALITY OF LIFE & CREATE OPPORTUNITIES
FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES



JOINED AT THE HEART

Created and Donated by
Karen & Tony Barone



Message From Our President



73255 Country Club Dr.
Palm Desert CA 92260



760.346.1611



www.desertarc.org



<https://www.facebook.com/DesertArc/>



https://www.instagram.com/desert_arc/?hl=en



<https://twitter.com/DesertArc>

Dear Friends,

Thank you very much for your involvement and support of Desert Arc!

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life and create opportunities for people with disabilities.

Desert Arc has championed the rights of people with developmental and intellectual disabilities for 60 years and is the only nonprofit organization in the desert communities serving the growing needs of these adults. These are people who never had a choice in life - they were born with conditions such as autism, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, epilepsy and many others.

There are currently 700 people, ages 18 and older, who are enrolled in Desert Arc's programs designed to help them secure employment, have a safe place to come to every day and interact with others. And, most importantly, to reach their highest potential to live, work and socialize in the community.

Our life-changing programs such as Pathways to Employment providing vocational training and jobs in tandem with our Business Services and other supportive employment initiatives, FYI – For Your Independence supportive living and ILS – Independent Living Skills programs, and many more – represent Desert Arc's *Mission in Motion* as illustrated in this newsletter.

You've played an important role in our 60-year history of making a difference in the lives of people with disabilities and it means a lot to everyone!

And, I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our Board of Directors and Staff for their hard work and commitment to Desert Arc!

It's time to celebrate all of the above! I invite you and a guest to join us for Desert Arc's Open House 60th Anniversary Party on Wednesday, November 14th, from 4:30 pm to 7 pm in Building 3 of our Palm Desert Campus. Please bring a friend and enjoy the festivities!

Sincerely,

Richard Balocco

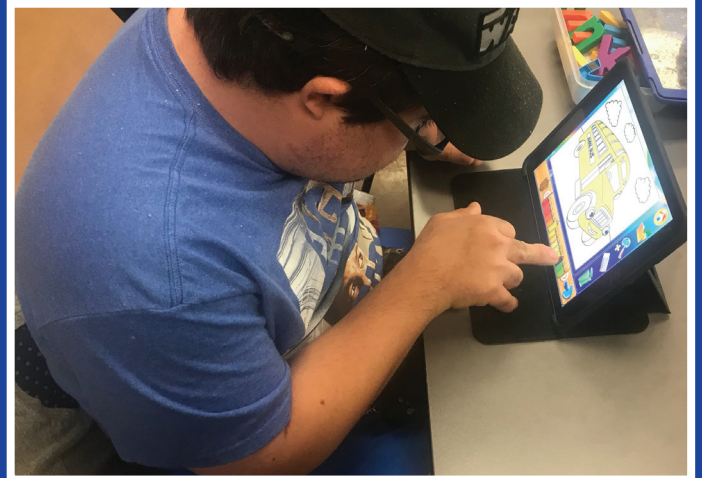
President/CEO

P.S. RSVP by November 1 to (760) 346-1611, extension 234.

The Adult Day Center Program

For People With Verbal Impairments

Desert Arc has taken an innovative approach in providing mini iPads to assist people who are non-verbal or have limited verbal abilities. Through the introduction of the mini iPads clients who are challenged by limited verbal skills are benefiting by increasing their skills to communicate with family, friends and others in their community.



Desert Arc introduced the Look2Learn, an Alternative and Augmentative Communications software to its program participants which allows individuals to work at their own communicative levels using photographs to express their needs and wants.

The Adult Day Center serves over 100 adults who are eligible for this important mini iPad program. The cost per person is \$411. Though this does seem high it is difficult to put a price tag on an item that provides each person with a "voice." Desert Arc is seeking funding for this innovative program that provides the opportunity for each person to speak. The agency has secured funding for almost half of the units needed.

If you would like to assist in purchasing additional mini iPads so each person has an opportunity to participate, please send a contribution in the attached envelope.



Culinary Arts are Taught at Desert Arc

The Cafeteria Services Academy provides training for clients in all aspects of the culinary arts. The training includes food preparation, serving and storage. The clients in the program prepare a breakfast, lunch and snack for 300 clients daily. Their training includes passing a food handlers' test and receiving a certificate.



Desert Arc participates in the California Child Adult Food Program through the Department of Education that provides a free breakfast, lunch, and snack to all clients in the Adult Day Center program and the Behavior Management Program. Desert Arc's Cafeteria Services follows the same nutritional guidelines required for this program in preparing and serving food to all clients at Desert Arc. Desert Arc provides a free breakfast, lunch and snack to 29 clients in other programs, as determined by staff as being most in need of assistance. These clients cannot afford to purchase food from Cafeteria Services. The limited availability of funding limits the number of clients who can receive the free breakfast, lunch and snack. Currently, Desert Arc has obtained funding annually from four generous local funding sources. These include the Beneto Family Foundation, the Emergency Food & Shelter Program, and the two cities of Rancho Mirage and Indio. This funding provides for approximately 50% of the food costs for the 29 clients in the program. A contribution envelope is attached if you would like to help provide a nutritious meal for a client who cannot afford to purchase a breakfast (\$1), lunch (\$5), and a snack (\$1).

An Academy Style Employment Training Introduced

Pathways to Employment

Desert Arc introduced the Pathways to Employment academy concept as a new and innovative approach to provide employment training. The academies assist the clients in becoming as self-sufficient as possible at a relatively low cost that impacts their lives. The program initiates an academy-style training program that better serves the needs of the clients and local employers.



Alan was voted Client of the Year 2018. His manager says "Alan will probably be our next Chef"

Alan expanded his skill base and experience, and transferred to the Cafeteria Services Department, quickly becoming a lead server. Alan provides outstanding customer service every day, always with a positive attitude and great sense of humor. Recently, Alan obtained his Food Worker's Certificate with a score of 94%. Desert Arc is very proud to recognize Alan as Client of the Year.

A contribution card is attached if you would like to help provide a nutritious meal for clients who cannot afford to purchase a breakfast, lunch or snack.

For Your Independence

Clients Learn Independent Living Skills

The For Your Independence (FYI) program trains and supports people with disabilities to live as independently as possible in their own homes.

Danny's success story

Danny has been with FYI since 1994. He says, "If I didn't have Desert Arc who knows where I would have been."

Danny's story includes being a single father and he has taken full custody of his two young children. The positive work that he has invested in their care, including regaining his driver's license and obtaining gainful employment, is highly commendable.

Danny continues to be fully focused on progressing in his independence and takes the initiative in working toward his goals.

Desert Arc is very proud to recognize Danny as Client of the Year!



Danny Voted Client of the Year 2018

Desert Arc Spotlights Annual Funders

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life and create opportunities for people with disabilities. This is met by increasing the choices, capabilities, and independence of adults with disabilities in desert regions of the Coachella Valley and the Morongo Basin.

Thank You!

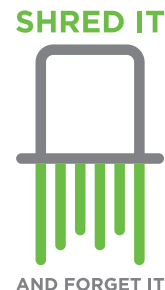
Desert Arc relies on the generous support of the following foundations, corporate and government funders for annual funding for programs activities not covered by the State of California. Allstate, Auen Foundation, Bank of America, the H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation, Caltrans 5310 Program, Champions Volunteer Foundation, the Community Foundation of San Bernardino and Riverside, Desert Classic Charities, Edison, the Emergency Food & Shelter, First Foundation, the Henry L Guenther Foundation, the cities of Indian Wells, Indio, La Quinta, Palm Desert, and Rancho Mirage, as well as the Riverside County Community Action, Union Bank, United Way, Wells Fargo, and the Webb Foundation.



FYI began a new program this year, Independent Living Skills, which trains and supports people with disabilities to develop and increase their independent living skills while remaining in their family home. Four clients from the Desert Arc program participated in a Spanish language cooking class conducted at Inland Regional Center in San Bernardino. At each session Desert Arc clients Alan, Denisse, Michael, and Glenda prepared a meal they later got to enjoy and on the last day received a certificate of completion. This was a 4-week hands-on cooking class for clients who have an interest in their health and enjoy creating healthy recipes.

Business Services

Offered by Desert Arc



Everyone has sensitive material that you need to dispose of securely, from documents to hard drives, at some point, if not on an ongoing basis. Desert Arc offers the only compliant, high security mobile shredding in the area. And, we come to you and maintain a secure chain of custody so you can Shred It and Forget It!

SCHEDULE YOUR SHREDDING APPOINTMENT NOW!

CALL DESERT ARC'S RECYCLING CENTER

760.404.1370

Shredding Services To Meet All Your Needs

Professional and Personal

- Financial information
- Legal documents
- Medical records
- Computer Hard Drive Destruction
- Cleanout/Purge
- HIPPA and FACTA compliant
- Monthly Service Contracts and One-Time Service



FREE PICK-UPS



DESERT ARC DROP OFF LOCATIONS:

8 am to 4 pm Monday – Friday

- **RECYCLING CENTER:** 45875 Commerce Street in Indio
- **MAIN CAMPUS:** Building 3 at 73255 Country Club Drive in Palm Desert

We're Local and We're Competitively Priced!



Are you looking for a reliable crew to do professional, quality housekeeping services?

From odd jobs to HOA professional maintenance, Desert Arc's custodial teams are trained, highly efficient and competitively priced!

Desert Arc PROVIDES:

Workers Comp · FICA · Liability Insurance

Some Of Our Services To Choose From:

- Vacation Rental Maintenance
- Poolside Janitorial
- Dishroom Attendants/Stewarding
- Event Set-Up and Breakdown
- Move In/Move Out Cleaning Service
- Carpet and Floor Cleaning
- Office Cleaning including Dusting, Floors and Trash Removal
- Packaging Services

**DAILY, WEEKLY, MONTHLY OR ONE-TIME JOBS
HELP IS ON THE WAY – CALL NOW!**

Donnya Villarreal in Palm Desert:

760.346.1611, ext. 403

Dianna Anderson in Yucca Valley:

760.346.1611, ext. 341

Leslie is a dedicated worker and is very responsible. She arrives to work each morning with a positive, upbeat attitude, ready and willing to do whatever the day brings. Ready to go on her next assignment, she keeps her uniform on hand so she can join any work crew on a moment's notice, wherever and whenever she is needed. Desert Arc proudly recognizes Leslie as a Client of the Year!



Leslie was voted Client of the Year 2018.
"I am proud of what I do here at Desert Arc."

If your business or HOA needs professional landscaping, Desert Arc has you covered! Desert Arc's Landscape Maintenance Division provides a wide array of services. Our staff is licensed, bonded and trained to meet all of your landscaping and irrigation needs. We offer competitive pricing and service the entire Coachella Valley, including the high desert communities. Please contact us for a quote. We are ready to work and are equipped to succeed in beautifying your area!

PHONE TODAY!

Joseph Quintero

Landscape Manager

760.641.0838

We Do It All:

- Desertscape
- Turf Conversion
- Irrigation Systems including Installation
- Clean-Ups
- Weekly and Monthly Services

Serving:

- Coachella Valley
- Morongo Basin
- Yucca Valley
- 29 Palms

Desert Arc License #1021561





Recycling/Shredding Division

45875 Commerce St.
Indio, CA 92201
760.404.1370

Yucca Valley Campus

6540 La Contenta Rd., Suite 500
Yucca Valley, CA 92284
760.346.1611

Main Campus

73255 Country Club Drive
Palm Desert, CA 92260-2309
760.346.1611
info@desertarc.org
www.desertarc.org
A NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION
Tax ID# 95-6006700

Coming Soon - New Location

56315 29 Palms Highway
Yucca Valley, CA 92284

PRST STD
US POSTAGE PAID
SAN BERNARDINO CA
PERMIT NO. 3456

carf INTERNATIONAL



SAVE THE DATES

DESERT ARC OPEN HOUSE 60TH ANNIVERSARY LAUNCH PARTY

Wednesday, November 14, 2018
4:30 pm to 6:30 pm
Desert Arc – Building 3 – Palm Desert Campus
Sponsored by Pacific Western Bank

ANNUAL RECOGNITION AWARDS LUNCHEON

Tuesday, January 22, 2019
11:30 am to 1:30 pm
Agua Caliente Casino Resort Spa

10TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC FUNDRAISER

Thursday, April 11, 2019
11 am to 8 pm
Eagle Falls Golf Course
Fantasy Springs Resort Casino