

Desert Haven Enterprises
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First Half Issue
2023-2024

Royal Court of the 2023 Snowflake Ball

This year brought a new meaning to the word party because the DHE Snowflake Ball was back and in person! Over 200 party goers met up at the UAV grand ballroom and event center to celebrate the return of the in person Snowflake Ball. Elegance and fun combined as everyone got together, shared stories over a delicious meal, and then danced the night away for over four hours of dancing.



The dancing only came to a momentary pause to announce and crown the 2023 Snowflake Ball royal court. This year's winners were:

King—Nico Silber
Queen—Leeanna Hanson

Prince—Richard Faulkner
Princess—Kristin Landers



We are so thankful that we were able to get together and celebrate everything that has been accomplished throughout 2023.

At the end of the night, everyone left saying....

"I CAN'T WAIT FOR NEXT YEAR"



Consumers of the Month and Quarter

Congratulations to our fellow coworkers, who have been selected by the staff as Consumers of the Month / Quarter for the first half of 2023-24:

Work Readiness (AV)
(Employment Skills Training Habilitation Crews)

- Lupita Moran
- Kevin Flemings
- Latoya Logan
- John Dillard
- Lupe Devora
- James Gastelo
- Sasha Zamora
- Raul Medina
- Debra Baltazar
- Gary Doss
- Faith Webb
- Alex Alfaro

Work Readiness (SCV)
(Employment Skills Training Habilitation Crews)
(Chosen Quarterly)

July—September
Thomas “TJ” Valvo

October—December
Burton Franklin

Supported Employment Individual Placement
(Chosen Quarterly)

July - September
Matthew Thornburg - City of Lancaster

October - December
Tricia Stanley - Walmart #1660 Palmdale

Project Independence

- Benjamin Duffy
- Daniel Thompson
- Raul Craig
- Michael Herman
- Cynthia Viesca
- Kurt Cone

Great Job and Congratulations!

In Memory of Matt Fajardo



*In Loving Memory
of our Friend*

Matt Fajardo

January 24, 1982 - November 27, 2023



Matt started at DHE on August 24, 2017 in the Work Readiness Program. Matt showed up each and every day with a smile on his face and always helped out his teammates at the worksite. Without question, Matt, your legacy of hard work and joy will live on here at DHE. You are dearly missed!

The Paid Internship Program Continues to Grow!

The Paid Internship Program (PIP) provides opportunity for persons enrolled in any of DHE’s programs to gain up to 1,040 hours of paid, on-the-job training for one year in the position of their choice within local businesses throughout the Antelope and Santa Clarita Valleys.



Let your DHE Case Manager know today if you are interested in participating in a paid internship!

We want to hear from you!

The Consumer Advisory Committee is always looking for new members. Let your DHE Case Manager know if you are interested in participating.

The Desert Voice is a newsletter for and about consumers of Desert Haven Enterprises. If you are interested in writing or sharing a story, poem, photo, artwork or anything else you would like to see published in the newsletter, please contact the committee facilitators: Lorraine McKesson (PI), Sirenia Pantoja (WR-AV), Joe Martinez (CGM and EAFB), and Christina Bonner (WR-SCV). You may also reach out to Eric Walker with your input.

**We want to hear from you...
the amazing and gifted consumers of
Desert Haven Enterprises!!**

