

# The Desert Voice

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## Congrats to the Royal Court of the 2018 Snowflake Ball



Oscar and Alexis enjoy their dance together as the King and Queen of the 2018 Snowflake Ball

The 2018 Snowflake Ball was another huge success with more than 200 people in attendance, enjoying an elegant evening of fine food, great friends, and fantastic tunes spun by DJ Kevin Dobbs of Global Spinners. The evening was absolutely perfect and left everyone already talking about the 2019 event!

Once again, two individuals were crowned King and Queen of the Ball. Oscar Jenkins and Alexis Andes, participants in the Work Readiness Program, were elected by their friends and co-workers. Both were very happy and excited to have been selected. Oscar and Alexis enjoyed their first dance together and were also joined on the dance floor by Prince Leon Logan and Princess Shana Walker of the Project Independence Program.



The Royal Court was announced by Desert Haven Executive Director Jenni Moran and crowned by PI Coordinator Lorraine McKesson and Director of Program Services Kathleen Miller.

Congratulations to the King and Queen and Prince and Princess of the 2018 Snowflake Ball!

## DESERT HAVEN KNOWS HOW TO PARTY SNOWFLAKE BALL 2018





## Consumers of the Month

**Congratulations to our fellow coworkers, who have been selected by the staff as Consumers of the Month for the first half of 2018-19:**

### Work Readiness

(Employment Skills Training Habilitation Crews)

Irene Nellis  
Arron Neal  
Antonique McCraw  
Marcos Murillo  
Alexis Andes  
Steven Joseph  
Faith Williams  
Juan Montalvo  
Christina Castle  
Joshua Blow  
Kristina Drumgole  
Jelani Jackson

### Project Independence

Matthew Anderson  
Melinda Hernandez  
Linda Lang  
Shana Walker  
Etoya Spates  
Jared Clouse

### Supported Employment Individual Placement

(Chosen Quarterly)

July—September  
Angel Gray, Smart & Final

October—December  
Marshall Shaw, Walmart #1660

**Great Job and Congratulations!**

## Desert Haven's Got Talent!!

We have great talent here at Desert Haven. One example is the Installation and Awards Ceremony held each year here in the Center, when Desert Haven installs the Board of Directors and gives awards to those who have helped the agency or persons with disabilities in some way. On that day, consumers volunteer to entertain the large crowd of nearly 500 people, who attend the ceremony, before it begins.

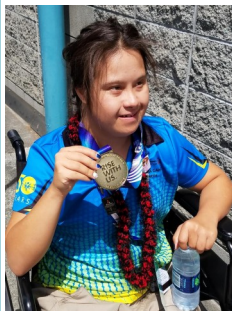


Last year, Nicole Harmon sang "Lean on Me"; John Crawford did a dance routine, even dancing with members of the audience; and Jacob Jenkins sang the National Anthem. The crowd was very enthusiastic and clapped their hands, tapped their toes, sang along, and appreciated each participant with a lot of applause.

If you are interested in possibly showing off your talent for the 2019 event, please let your Counselor know that you would like to be considered.



## DHE'S KIANA YEP WINS GOLD



The 2018 Special Olympics USA Games were held in July in Seattle, Washington, with 3,500 athletes and coaches from every state across the country coming together to compete in a variety of different sports. One of those athletes was our very own Kiana Yep, who competed in swimming at the event, in front of 30,000 spectators at Husky Stadium on the University of Washington campus.



Kiana, who has won "lots of medals" over the years, brought home a gold medal in the 50 meter backstroke and also placed 4th in the 50 meter butterfly and 50 meter freestyle. Kiana's gold medal finish was especially impressive because not long prior to the event, she had suffered a significant knee injury; but nothing was going to stop her from competing. As a result, she is now the national champion in the 50 meter backstroke!

Kiana has been swimming since the age of two and when asked why she likes to swim, she said, "Because I have friends and I like to win!"

Congratulations, National Champion Kiana Yep!

## HALLOWEEN 2018: PROJECT INDEPENDENCE PARTY

