

The Desert Voice

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DESERT HAVEN CONSUMERS GIVING BACK TO THEIR COMMUNITY

DHE consumers appreciate the support of the local community to them and to Desert Haven throughout the year. Like those who support them, our consumers also want to be a support to important causes within their community. As a result, this year, several have begun volunteering at several locations that do very important work for persons and even animals in need.



At **Rancho Village Retirement Community**, consumers assist the Activities Director by participating in a very competitive game of Chair Volleyball with the residents twice weekly. The consumers and the residents have great fun and definitely play to win!

At **Palmdale South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES)**, consumers sort clothing, food items, and stock shelves for local residents in need, so that they have access to healthy food, warm clothing, and other basic necessities of life.



At **Love This Horse Equine Rescue** in Acton, consumers fill buckets and troughs with water for over 40 horses, clean out stalls and common areas, and brush the horses. Volunteers even receive free horse handling and riding lessons for their service.

These are just a few of the many places where Desert Haven consumers give of their time and talent to help those in need. We will feature more volunteer sites in future issues of The Desert Voice.

Consumers of the Month

Congratulations to our fellow coworkers selected by the staff as Consumers of the Month January-June 2019

Work Readiness-EST

Flor Diaz
Marj Rowland
Robertnika Turner
Jonathan Poland
Westle Reichlin
Briana Rodriguez
Diego Salman
Irene Valdez
Vivienne Miranda
Richard Garcia
Markita Morgana
Randy Willis

Project Independence

Justin Brown
Shanika Thomas
Debbie Jackson
Raul Craig
Matthew Anderson
Melinda Hernandez
Angel Hawkins

Supported Employment Individual Placement

Ian Simpson
Walmart Neighborhood Mkt
January - March

Gloria Ficklin
Whole Wheatery
April - June

Great Job and Congratulations!

ATTENTION Snowflake Ball Signup Coming Soon!

The Snowflake Ball will be held on **Friday, December 6, 2019** at the University of Antelope Valley in the Grand Ballroom. This is definitely one party you do not want to miss! Watch for upcoming flyers and information. If you have any questions speak with your counselor.

It will be here before you know it! Hope to see you there!

We want to hear from you!

The Desert Voice is a newsletter for and about consumers of Desert Haven Enterprises. If you are interested in sharing a story, poem, photo, artwork, joke...or anything else you would like to see printed in the newsletter, please contact one of the Consumer Advisory Committee facilitators : Pascha Miller, Lorraine McKesson, or Alberto Saldivar.

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

You have a voice...let it be heard!

2018-19 Consumers of the Year

Off Site Hab Crews: Joshua Blow



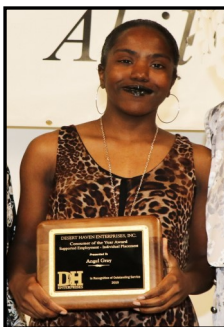
Joshua began participating in the Work Readiness Program in September 2017, working and training on off-site, community-based, work crews, including several of the Ironwood Properties, the Long Beach State AV Campus, and the AV Partners for Health Wellness Homes. Joshua is a very pleasant and reserved young man, who maintains a mature, professional attitude at all times. He is polite and respectful and is well-liked and respected, in return. Joshua works hard and follows directions well. His trainers have repeatedly noted that he is detailed and thorough in the completion of his tasks and is cautious to follow safety rules. As a result, Joshua is further noted as being a very productive member of any team and an asset

Off-Site Hab Crews: Alexis Andes

Alexis began attending DHE in June 2017, where she has worked, trained, and broadened her vocational skills on many of the off-site hab crews, including Lockheed, Long Beach State Campus AV, and multiple Ironwood Properties. Alexis comes to work prepared each day, maintains a positive attitude, and is always willing to help wherever needed. She is consistently polite, respectful, and professional in her interactions with staff and coworkers and remains focused on the task at hand. Further, she takes a great deal of pride in her work and is absolutely committed to excellence, with a great eye for detail. As a result, Alexis consistently receives excellent ratings in all areas related to her work performance and her work habits, making her a great support to each and every crew upon which she works.



SEP Individual Placement: Angel Gray



Angel began in the Work Readiness Program in November 2015, performing a variety of tasks on a number of community-based contracts, including Lockheed, Arbor Court, and BeX. From the moment she started in program, Angel stood out as a hard worker, who is highly motivated and dependable. When asked to describe Angel, her trainers stated that she is flexible, cooperative, and demonstrates a mature and professional work attitude. Her work quality and attention to detail are excellent and it is clear that she takes great pride in a job well done. With excellent work habits and a growing resume of experience, Angel enrolled in the supported employment program and in July 2017, was hired by Smart & Final as a courtesy clerk. Just as she had done in the Work Readiness Program, Angel has continued to shine in her work place, making her a star employee and a favorite among customers.

Project Independence: Justin Brown

Justin began attending Project Independence in May 2007. Early on, he faced struggles with behaviors, but was willing to listen to counsel and to take the steps necessary to make right choices and to grow as an individual. Today, Justin is an incredibly compassionate and caring young man, who regularly provides assistance and support to other consumers who have physical struggles and challenges. He is also open to constructive critique and makes adjustments, easily adapting to changes in his daily routine without argument or complaint. Further, Justin takes pride in the way he dresses for program, often stopping by his counselor's office to show off his attire. We are so very proud of Justin and his accomplishments and owe to his family, as well, a great deal of credit for partnering with us and with Justin in supporting and assisting him to become an even better version of himself to the benefit of all who know him.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONSUMERS OF THE YEAR!