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Our Mission

Enhance the quality of life and create opportunities for people with disabilities.

Desert Arc Board of Directors

Royal Wedding Event

A lavish sea of elaborate hats filled the viewing area on April 29th as Desert Arc celebrated the wedding of Prince William and Catherine Middleton with a Royal Wedding Tea and Viewing Party at the home of



Desert Arc Executive Director, Richard Balocco and Loretta Ferraro in Indian Wells. With hats ranging from elegant to extravagant, more than seventy guests came dressed in their finery to watch the wedding and help support Desert Arc. The lively group of mostly women enjoyed very British décor in a lovely garden setting, tea served in fine china, and treats like traditional cucumber and smoked salmon sandwiches and assorted scones with butter. Not to mention the genuine Devonshire clotted cream.

The well-organized and beautifully presented event featured a raffle with prizes like a Royal Tour of London, donated to benefit Desert Arc. The crowd was very much in the spirit of the occasion. Though the viewing began at 10 AM, and most of the participants had already "seen the dress", all gathered by the television and sat quietly to hear the vows. A few were even spotted secretly brushing away tears.

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Wish List Items

Gently used office furniture
Vacuum cleaners
Wide brimmed outdoor hats
EZ-Ups/Canopies
Picnic tables
Benches
Multi-media projector
Arts & Crafts Supplies
Frames
Canvases
Karaoke machine
Books
Games
Emergency preparedness supplies

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Upcoming Events

Palm Desert Aquatic Center Grand Opening
June 25, 2011 at 10am Featuring
Desert Arc Swimmer Randy T.

By: Lisa Buckhout, Business Development Manager

Photo L-R: Kari Middleton, Board Member, Richard Balocco, Executive Director, Nancy Singer, Board Secretary

Recycle Division Expansion

"Recycle, Recycle, Recycle" is the motto for the Desert Arc Recycling Division! The program was designed to assist local cities and businesses with Assembly Bill 939, known as the Integrated Waste Management Act.



The program provides work to 15 individuals with developmental disabilities. Desert Arc Recycling Division provides approximately 35 businesses from Coachella to Cabazon with containers and free pick up of their recyclables, which include cardboard, LDPE film, hangers, shredded paper, plastic bottles and aluminum cans. Over the past year the program has developed great partnerships with businesses such as Cabazon Outlets, Ashley Furniture, Old Navy and Joshua Tree National Park.

Due to the overwhelmingly positive support from the community and their desire to "go green", Desert Arc was in need and received a second box truck donated by the McCarthy Foundation. This allowed the program to expand and outgrow its current location of their 3,000 square foot building and move into a new 8,400 square foot building located in Indio. Desert Arc also has plans to create certified recycle centers that will be open to the community as redemption centers. With the help of the community and donors Desert Arc is able to fulfill its mission of "Enhancing the quality of life and creating opportunities of people with disabilities."

By: Angelique Ontiveros, Director of Recycling, Facilities & Licensed Programs

3rd Annual Desert Arc & The First Tee Golf Tournament

On May 22nd Desert Arc held its 3rd Annual Desert

Desert Arc
Annual Angels Game
Outing-August 2011

Desert Arc Swim
Party at Palm Desert
Aquatic Center
September 30, 2011

Desert Arc Annual
Halloween Dance
October 28, 2011 5-
7:30pm

Rancho Mirage Art
Affaire November 12
& 13, 2011 at
Whitewater Park
Featuring Desert Arc
Client Artwork

Desert Arc
Italian Festival
November 2011 More
info to follow.

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Arc & The First Tee Golf
Tournament. The
tournament offered an
opportunity for Desert Arc
clients to learn and
participate in a golf



experience with students of The First Tee. The event was held at The First Tee Coachella Valley golf course located in Palm Desert. Two clients from the Contracts department were interviewed and asked what they enjoyed about playing golf and what their favorite part of the tournament was. Randy T. stated that he enjoyed playing golf and that he thinks he did a really awesome job. He really liked being on Kurt's team and he also enjoyed the BBQ lunch. Randy thought all the players did an awesome job and it was nice seeing himself on television. Candy S. stated that she liked the clown that was there and she enjoyed the BBQ lunch. She liked playing the nine holes and she also liked the goody bag and award medal she received. After the tournament, Desert Arc hosted a BBQ luncheon and awards ceremony with all players receiving medals.

By: Mariana Valentin, Client Council Secretary

Equipment Safety Training Class

As part of the Consumer Development Program, consumers assigned to the Groundskeeping and Janitorial Academies participated in a hands-on safety training exercise.



Hosted by representatives from Golden Eagle Distributing Corporation, carriers of high end commercial and residential landscape equipment, 18 consumers were trained on the proper use of lanscape machinery, tools, and personal protective equipment. The program was so succesful that Golden Eagle has committed to returning to Desert Arc on a quarterly basis to provide additional safety training and product information to those in the Consumer Development Program.

By: Lisa Lester, Consumer Development Program Manager

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