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Newsletter - September 2011

Save the Date!



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2011
11:00AM – 5:00PM

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Our Mission

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

If you're interested in becoming a food or merchandise vendor for this event please email us at info@desertarc.org for more information or call Connie at 760-346-1611.

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Wish List Items

Vacuum cleaners
New Digital Camera
New Video Camera
Wide brimmed outdoor hats
EZ-Ups/Canopies
Picnic tables
Benches
Multi-media projector
Arts & Crafts Supplies
Frames
Canvases

Books
Games
Emergency preparedness supplies

Desert Arc Clients Give Back

Since July of 2009 participants of Desert Arc programs have had the opportunity to receive additional vocational training in the community and be a part of the amazing team of volunteers at Hidden Harvest.

Located in Coachella, Hidden Harvest is a non-profit organization that rescues first-rate produce from Coachella Valley fields and packing houses and offers healthy food free of charge to individuals, families and more than 60 non-profit agencies that serve those in need in our Valley. Since 2001 a dedicated team of volunteers have gathered to sort, pack and distribute boxes of fresh produce.

In July of 2009 our clients and staff were invited to participate in this effort, which has given everyone a chance to work in an integrated setting and learn more about the importance of helping another non-profit organization through community service. Once per week during periods of 'harvest' our team works with other volunteers to sort and pack tons of vegetables and fruit gleaned from our local fields as well as dry goods donated through other sources.

We appreciate the paid and volunteer staff at Hidden Harvest for including us in this important service, and we would like to thank our volunteers from ADC and the Behavior management and Contracts Departments for their hard work and dedication to such an important resource in our Valley.

By: Lisa Lester, Consumer Development Program Manager
Photo: Guille, Desert Arc Client, volunteering at Hidden Harvest.



CSUSB Intern Finds Inspiration

The Desert Arc Client Development Program was recently assigned an intern from



For more info contact
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Upcoming Events

Desert Arc Float
Palm Desert Golf Cart
Parade Sunday,
October 23, 2011
1:00pm

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

Italian Festival
November 5, 2011
11am-5pm
Rancho Mirage-
Whitewater Park
\$5 Adults
\$3 Ages 11-20
Free 10-Under

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

Haute4Help
Fashion Show
December 3, 2011
7:00pm
Mission Hills Country
Club, Rancho Mirage

Now offering!

CPR & First Aid

California State University San Bernardino to assist with the assessment curriculum. For two months, Kathryn, a graduating Psychology student at the CSUSB's Palm Desert campus, completed more than 100 interest inventories and 80 computer lab assessments. Interest inventories are used to assist clients to explore and identify desired work activities and future employment preferences. During the computer lab assessment period, several clients demonstrated working knowledge of computer hardware and Microsoft products. This tool is used to identify individuals who are interested in data entry and has led to paid work opportunities. Offering our clients more opportunities to expand their awareness of possible job choices and understanding of their abilities encourages them to advocate for themselves and have a direct impact on their future work assignments.

Kathryn's internship at Desert Arc has been a positive experience for her as well as for the Client Development Program. In an email dated September 8, 2011, Intern Kathryn wrote: "My experience at Desert Arc has been rewarding and inspiring. It helped me to learn by providing an involvement with people out in the world who have the capability to learn more even though they have certain impediments. I've learned that these clients work twice if not three times as hard as anyone else to get their tasks completed. Their smiling faces are what gives me happiness and keeps me coming back."

By: Lisa Lester, Consumer Development Program Manager
Photo: Intern (at head of table) conducting employment skills training with clients.

Haute4Help Fashion Show



Save the Date

Saturday, December 3rd, 2011

at 7 pm

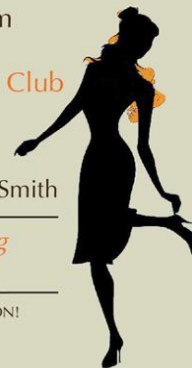
Mission Hills Country Club

A fashionable charity event benefiting Desert Arc
with celebrity auctioneer Johnny Bench & Dr. Mark Smith

*For more information, visit Haute4Help.org
or for tickets, call 760-322-2275*

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Volunteering your time
with Desert Arc is a
great way to learn
more about people
with disabilities and to
give back to your
community.

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about volunteering
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This 3rd annual event is being held at Mission Hills Country Club, and is shaping up to be an event not to miss on anyone's social calendar! An exciting addition to this year's event is that we have secured the services of FASHIONCONNECTION! by Susan Stein. Susan is Fashion Editor of Palm Springs Life Magazine and the creative director of Fashion Week El Paseo.

This year will also see the addition of a runway fashion show to showcase fashion donations. Well-known Couture designers are ready to donate unique fashions. The top donations will be sold via a live auction headed by celebrity auctioneer, Baseball Hall of Famer, Johnny Bench, and Dr. Mark Smith, and a silent auction and raffles will determine the winners of the remaining donations.

While fashion is front and center at Haute4Help, attendees will also have the chance to bid on other great donations such as golf outings with your friends. Tennis Hall of Famer, Mark Woodforde, is again offering his time for you and two friends to experience tennis at its best. And this year will also have decorated Christmas trees for auction. Many other non-fashion items will be added to the silent auction and the raffle so there will be something for everyone. We are also accepting fashion items for the silent auction. We ask that the items be new or like new!

Tickets for this year's event are \$60 or \$100 for VIP seating. Wine, beer & fashionably chic tapas are included in the ticket price. For tickets or to donate items, call 760-322-2275 or e-mail info@haute4help.org.

By: Valerie Powers Smith, Esq. & Dr. Mark J. Smith
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