



Desert Arc CONNECTION

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WEATHER ALERT: During periods of extreme heat, and out of concern for the welfare of Desert Arc clients, when temperatures are forecast to be 115 degrees Fahrenheit or higher, clients will be dismissed at 1:30 pm. In such cases, a courtesy text message will be broadcast to families as well.

DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY: A TIME TO REFLECT AND ADVOCATE

July 14th marks Disability Awareness Day, dedicated to recognizing the rights, contributions, and struggles of individuals with disabilities. This day emphasizes the importance of inclusive practices, accessibility, and advocacy, highlighting the ongoing efforts to ensure that all individuals, regardless of their abilities, can participate fully in society.

Established to bring attention to the unique challenges faced by people with disabilities, the day promotes understanding and acceptance within our communities. The origins of this day can be traced back to the disability rights movement, which dismantled barriers and fought for equal opportunities in education, employment, and public life.



A pivotal moment was the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) on July 26, 1990, by President George H.W. Bush. This landmark legislation prohibited discrimination based on disability and mandated accessible environments, thereby transforming the landscape for millions of Americans.

Disability Awareness Day ties to the broader narrative of our Nation's fight for freedom and independence, underscoring that true liberty encompasses the removal of both physical and societal barriers.

By advocating for policies that promote accessibility and inclusiveness, we move closer to a society where freedom and rights are not just ideals but lived realities for all. Together, we can build a more inclusive world where everyone's abilities are recognized and valued.

Get involved today by visiting The Arc of California at: TheArcCA.org

SHINING STAR

For the past two decades, Inda has been a member of Desert Arc, joining us in 2004. Throughout her time here, she's found not just a place to belong, but a community to thrive in.

Among her fondest memories are the friendships she's forged – connections that have brought her immense joy and support. Inda's journey at Desert Arc has been one of personal growth, mastering skills like secure e-waste disposal at Desert Arc Shredding & Recycling Division. Recently, she tackled a challenging project of sorting thousands of batteries by type instead of by size, completing it well under schedule. She eagerly shares her knowledge by training others and imparting valuable lessons to those around her.

In her downtime, Inda finds solace in music, walking, and her passion for dance. Fond memories of her children's first steps always brings a smile to her face. When asked about life's lessons, Inda emphasizes the importance of continuous learning.

Inda's journey at Desert Arc epitomizes the power of community, friendship, and personal growth.





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PLANTING ROOTS: REVITALIZING THE CLIENT GARDEN

The idea to rejuvenate the garden stemmed from the desire to re-engage clients in outdoor activities post-pandemic. With the support of dedicated staff and volunteers, this all-organic garden project was revitalized, becoming a collaborative effort across many departments.

Thanks to the Adult Day Program, Behavioral Management, Fulfillment, and Kitchen departments, it's a vibrant space once again. Each department manages specific plots, choosing seasonal plants guided by St. Margaret's gardener enthusiast, Chet, and the local nursery, Mueller's. Clients take turns planting, watering, and caring for the garden, ensuring everyone participates.



Harvest time is rewarding. Small groups enjoy their produce, and larger harvests are donated to our kitchen, which maintains two plots, contributing fresh ingredients to meals served at Desert Arc.



From seedlings to harvest, the client garden embodies the shared effort and care that defines the community at Desert Arc.

Morongo Basin

Hi Desert Star
56-445 29 Palms Hwy

2nd Monday/Mon

July 8th



9AM to 12 Noon

Coachella Valley

PD Campus
73255 Country Club Dr

3rd Friday/Mo

July 19th

HAPPY
★ 4TH ★
OF JULY

DID YOU KNOW?

The national personification of the United States, Uncle Sam, was first mentioned on July 4th, 1813. The term was used in the Troy Post to refer to Sam Wilson, a meat packer who supplied barrels of beef to the army during the War of 1812.

JULY'S LUNCH LINEUP

*Menu repeats every 2 weeks. * Additionally, the month's menu will be emailed to families

Monday July 1st

Buffalo Chicken wrap (Tomato tortilla) with lettuce, tomato, cucumber, and cheddar cheese. Served with fruit.

Tuesday July 2nd

Chicken salad with lettuce, tomato, cucumber, cheddar cheese, and ranch dressing. Served with saltine crackers and fruit.

Wed July 3rd

Ham and cheese sandwich with lettuce and tomato. Served with sun chips and fruit.

Thurs July 4th

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Ground beef pasta with marinara sauce. Served with garlic bread, a side salad and fruit.

Friday July 5th

Crispy chicken sandwich with lettuce, tomato, pepper jack cheese, mayo, and mustard. Served with sun chips and fruit.

Monday July 8th

Meatball sandwich with marinara sauce, and provolone cheese. Served with a side salad and fruit.

Tuesday July 9th

Spring chicken salad with cucumber, feta cheese, walnuts and raspberry dressing. Served with a dinner roll and fruit.

Wed July 10th

Ground beef taco salad, shredded lettuce, sauce, cheddar cheese, and black beans. Served with tortilla chips and fruit.

Thurs July 11th

Chicken pasta with cream of mushroom sauce, broccoli, and cheese. Served with a dinner roll and fruit.

Friday July 12th

BBQ pork sliders. Served with coleslaw, pretzels and fruit.

Employee Referral
&
New Hire
Bonuses Available

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