



Mission Statement: To enhance the quality of life and create opportunities for people with disabilities.

Welcome to the January edition of **Highlights Newsletter!**
As always, we are interested in your feedback. Please send your recommendations and suggestions to info@desertarc.org.
Thank you!

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Tom Goodno has joined Desert Arc as the **Compliance & Special Projects Coordinator**.

Tom comes to us with case management, project management and compliance experience.

Welcome Tom!!

PARTNER NEWS

The **Desert Arc's Holiday Season** was a complete success!

A special "thank you" to **DJ Martha, Midnight Photo Booth, and Fantasy Springs Resort Casino**. Thank you, **Santa and Mrs. Claus**, for a special visit from North Pole!

A special thanks to **Mario** for our Annual Holiday Luncheon, provided by **Mario's Italian Café**.

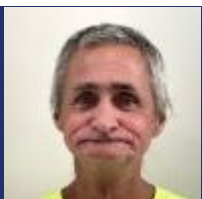
Lastly, a special "shout out" to **Teddy, Ernie**, and the Elves for your time and effort with this year's Bellatrix party!

EVENTS

Upcoming Events include:

Sixth Annual Champions of Change Recognition Luncheon,
February 8, 2024

Valentine's Day Celebration
(details to be announced shortly)
February 14, 2024



Client Spotlight

Ronald has been with Desert Arc-Yucca Valley for over nine years.

His favorite thing about Desert Arc is being on the Landscaping Crew. His Favorite Sports Team is the Rams. In Ronald's free time, he enjoys going to the movies, and out to dinner with his girlfriend.

DECEMBER'S STAFF NEW HIRES, PROMOTIONS & TRANSFERS

New Hires: Juan Gamez- Employment & Individual Placement
Tom Goodno-Administration

Promotions: Elena Gomez from Bus Aide to Bus Driver II

Transfers: Ashley Bautista-Bojorquez from B-Mod to the Finance Department

DESERT ARC HAS A NEW BOARD MEMBER

Pastor Brad Kinney, of Southwest Church in Indian Wells, joined the Board in December. Pastor Brad intends to bring his passion for fundraising, branding, and communications to his board service.

Welcome Brad!

DESERT ARC'S HOLIDAY PARTIES



WORK AT DESERT ARC!

Current staff who recommend someone for hire may be eligible to receive a **\$500 bonus** upon the new hire's successful onboarding.

Visit Desert Arc's website to learn more about open positions!

www.DesertArc.org

DESERT ARC IN THE NEW YEAR

Desert Arc is dedicated to providing engaging services to our clients. In this New Year, we pledge to be intentional with our communication, services, and client & partnership engagement.

Thank you for your ongoing support and grace!

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH DURING JANUARY?

Thank you, Desert Arc clients, for helping the Cafeteria Team choose menu items each month! Please remember, this menu repeats each week during the month. Enjoy!

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Chicken tortilla soup, Crackers, mozzarella string and fruit.	Ground beef taco salad, shedder lettuce, sauce, cheddar cheese, tortilla chips and fruit.	Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, steam veggies and fruit.	Tomato soup with ½ ham and cheese sandwich and fruit.	Chicken Caesar pasta salad with lettuce, cherry tomato, croutons, parmesan cheese, Caesar dressing and fruit

January 8, 2024

Shred It and Forget It Mondays!

Yucca Valley

9:00am to 12:00pm



January 19, 2024

Shred It and Forget It Fridays!

Palm Desert

9:00am to 12:00pm

Staff Directory

Palm Desert Campus - (760) 346-1611 Transportation – (760) 404-1363
Morongo Basin Campus – (760) 228-1860

<u>Name</u>	<u>Extension</u>
Angelique Ontiveros – Vice President of Business Development	232
Camerina (Came) Corrales – Enclave Field Supervisor	489
Christine Rios – Senior Case Manager - Vocational Programs/ICBS	238
Dawn Donelson – Case Manager – Adult Day Program	240
Donnya Villarreal – Director of Business & Facilities Operations	403
Elliott Darden – Shredding & Recycling Manager	122
Emoke Fox – Senior Case Manager – Behavior Modification Program	241
Eugene Clomera – LVN Nursing Supervisor	128
Isabel Rojo – Assistant Manager of Licensed Programs	410
Janay Trevino – Case Manager - Vocational Programs	412
Jessica Ponce – Case Manager – Adult Day Program	415
JoAnn Avery – For Your Independence & Respite Program Manager	223
Joseph Perez – Case Manager - Morongo Basin	344
Juan Gamez Jr. – Program Manager of Employment Services	409
Karina Velasquez – Case Manager – Adult Day Program	233
Kathrene Wales – Director of Development	234
Kimberly Bohannon – Case Manager - Morongo Basin	337
Kurt Parish – Chief Financial Officer	216
Lailani De La O – Program Manager- Independent Living Services	225
Lynn De Anda – Director of Licensed Programs	411
Mark Brattrud – Case Manager - Vocational Programs	210
Matilde Alejandro – Kitchen/Cafeteria Coordinator	428
Monique Gonzalez – Case Manager – For Your Independence Program	220
Nancy Fernandez – Assistant Manager – For Your Independence Program	420
Ray Gosnell – Interim Director Morongo Basin Programs	341
Reggie Davis – Employment Clerical Assistant	288
Rigo Mariscal – Director of Transportation	221
Richard Balocco – President/Chief Executive Officer	207
Ronald Stewart – Executive Vice President	227
Soledad Cabrera-Barrios – Director of Human Resources	235
Syreeta Brown – Senior Director of Client Services	408
Tom Goodno – Compliance & Special Projects Coordinator	433
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