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Royal Court of the 2020 Virtual Snowflake Ball



Queen Mary Ortiz and King Matthew Anderson

Although we had to do things a little differently, Desert Haven made sure the 2020 Snowflake Ball was a party to remember. Using their creative minds, DHE's own Lorraine McKesson and Jordan Williams planned a virtual party that would keep everyone safe while still being able to dance like no one's watching. On December 4th, logging in from home and from our offices, close to 100 consumers and numerous staff danced the day away. Jordan and Lorraine played hit music of all genres, allowing everyone to show off their dance moves, laugh with each other, and catch up with old friends. The virtual Snowflake Ball was more than just a good time, it reminded us that we are all in this together and, through creativity, the possibilities are limitless for keeping our spirits up and our dance moves fresh.



After about an hour of some of the best dancing since the pandemic started, we were ready to crown our King and Queen. This year the honors went to Queen Mary Ortiz and King Matthew Anderson. Queen Mary Ortiz has been with DHE for 13 years and enjoys spending her time helping others and perfecting her needlepoint. King Matthew Anderson has also been at DHE for 13 years and enjoys spending his time participating with his church congregation at events and one day hopes to become a famous singer. After the ceremony, the King and Queen were able to recommence the dancing with their new royal powers!

Congratulations to the King and Queen of the 2020 Snowflake Ball!

We can hardly wait until next year's event!

Memories from the 2019 Snowflake Ball

Wonderful memories are the best. They help get us through challenging times...especially fun memories made and shared with great friends. While many things have changed this year, one thing remains the same...No matter the circumstances, Desert Haven Enterprises always perseveres and continues to find ways to stay positive, to have fun, and to keep making those memories. Below are a few of the memories from the 2019 Snowflake Ball.



Consumers of the Month

Congratulations to our fellow coworkers, who have been selected by the staff as Consumers of the Month for the first half of 2020-21:

Work Readiness

(Employment Skills Training Habilitation Crews)

- Terrezza Harris
- Jeremy Simmons
- Irene Nellis
- Patrick Lee
- Faith Williams
- Charles Williams
- Ayana Bell
- Jeffery Yuan
- Katrina Stiles
- Steve Casselman
- Marisa Byers
- Peyton VonBuck

Great Job and Congratulations!

Santa Clarita is Going Strong

The Santa Clarita Valley branch of Desert Haven is thriving and continuing to grow by bringing on new contracts and welcoming new consumers every month. The customers in the Santa Clarita Valley cover a wide range of industries including AMC Properties, Pet Supplies Plus, Neotech Products, AMS Fulfillment, Crissair, plus many more. We are excited to develop these new partnerships and to serve many more consumers throughout the Santa Clarita Valley.



Keeping the Community Stocked

Thanks to Some of DHE's Finest Hard at Work!

Desert Haven would like to give a huge, heartfelt shout out to all supported employment consumers working in community-based jobs, who helped keep store shelves throughout the Antelope Valley stocked with important food and supplies during the pandemic.

There are currently 14 individuals who work at grocery stores, including Wal-Mart, Whole Wheatery, Stater Brothers, Smart and Final, and Albertsons, to name a few. These individuals showed that they are the definition of hard work, perseverance, and dedication by showing up to their jobs each and every day to support their employer and their community. Without amazing individuals like them, these stores would not have been able to keep up with the customer demand throughout the Antelope Valley.

Make sure you thank your local grocery store employee next time you see them.



Thank you and.....
Keep up the amazing work!

We want to hear from you!

The Consumer Advisory Committee is always looking for new members. Let your DHE Counselor know today if you are interested.

The Desert Voice is a newsletter for and about consumers of Desert Haven Enterprises. If you are interested in writing or sharing a story, poem, photo, artwork or anything else you would like to see published in the newsletter, please contact the facilitators of the Consumer Advisory Committee: Lorraine McKesson (Project Independence), Elizabeth Hanson (Work Readiness Antelope Valley Multipurpose Crews), Joe Martinez (Work Readiness Antelope Valley Grounds Maintenance Crews), or Christina Bonner (Work Readiness Santa Clarita Valley Crews).

You may also reach out to Eric Walker, as well.

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

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