

# The Desert Voice

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## Desert Haven Enterprises Goes Green!



Desert Haven Enterprises has been working with the Antelope Valley Air Quality Management District (AVAQMD) and the American Green Zone Alliance (AGZA) to transition all of its grounds maintenance equipment from gas-powered to battery-powered. In fact, not only has Desert Haven made the change well ahead of the state's phase out of gas-powered lawn equipment, but the agency has also been designated a Certified Green Zone. This means that no gas-powered grounds equipment is used to maintain the grounds at Desert Haven.

Crew members were very important in helping to make the switch, testing various brands of equipment to find just the right fit, opting for the EGO, Mean Green, and Husqvarna brands. Each piece of equipment is lighter, runs quieter, and does not create harmful exhaust emissions. Needless to say, these are very exciting times here at DHE, as crews are equipped and future-ready!!



*"The new battery powered equipment is so much easier to use. I wouldn't go back to the gas powered."*  
- Jonathon Frost (CGM Laborer)



## AN OLYMPIAN AT DESERT HAVEN!

Desert Haven Enterprises is full of talented individuals who always reach for the stars no matter the occasion! We would like to give a huge shout out to one of those very talented individuals, Corey Martin. A participant in DHE's Project Independence Program, Corey represented Southern California in the Special Olympics USA Games, held in Orlando Florida between June 5th and June 11th. Corey is a fierce competitor who qualified to compete in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash, and the shot put.

Corey said "It was a great adventure and an honor to travel to the USA Games and represent everyone back home. Everyone gave it their all and we all cheered each other on at the different events. It was so cool to bring back some medals!" Cory won a silver medal in the 200-meter dash, a silver medal in the 4x100-meter relay (which he ran instead of competing in shot put), and a ribbon in the 100-meter dash.



**Way to go, Corey!!!  
We are so proud of you!!**



# Consumers of the Month

Congratulations to our fellow coworkers, who have been selected by the staff as Consumers of the Month / Quarter for the second half of 2021-22:

**Work Readiness (AV)**  
*(Employment Skills Training Habilitation Crews)*

- Cindy Anderson
- Cody Taylor
- Leeanna Hanson
- Fred Price
- Alysha Lake
- A'Quil Bell
- Jade Perez
- Aldo Espinoza
- Donna Ford
- Aqeel Rahman
- Hannah Stone
- Brian Leon

**Work Readiness (SCV)**  
*(Employment Skills Training Habilitation Crews)*  
*(Chosen Quarterly)*

**January — March**  
Jennifer DeRoman  
Erika DeRoman

**April — June**  
Oscar Sanchez

**Supported Employment Individual Placement**  
*(Chosen Quarterly)*

**January - March**  
Diego Salman  
Stater Bros - West Lancaster

**April - June**  
Michael Jeffery  
Desert Haven Enterprises

**Project Independence**

- Elise Sanchez
- Natalie Cargill
- Joyce Spratt
- Richard "Ricky" Schultz
- Matthew Anderson
- Sandra Brazzil

## Looking Good!!

Desert Haven has some of the most reliable and hard-working individuals on the planet!!

We greatly appreciate all the extra effort our Work Readiness 2.0 crews put forth in making this community look great!



**WORKING  
HARD  
EVERY DAY!**

### We want to hear from you!

Thank you Consumer Advisory Committee for your input, recommendations and feedback to help us make sure that Desert Haven is always on track with what you want and need from the services and supports we provide.

**If you are not a part of the committee, but would like to be, please let your DH counselor know today.**

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 & Elizabeth Hanson. You may also provide your input to Eric Walker

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**Our Project Independence Program cuts, colors, and glues cute craft projects daily!**

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