

# The Desert Voice

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## Royal Court of the 2019 Snowflake Ball



Nico and Christine share a dance together as the King and Queen.

The 2019 Snowflake Ball was another huge success with more than 220 people in attendance, enjoying an elegant evening of fine food, great friends, and fantastic tunes spun by DJ Alex Dobbs of Global Spinners. The evening was absolutely perfect and left everyone already talking about the 2020 event!

Once again, two individuals were crowned King and Queen of the Ball. Nico Silber and Christine Lea-Perkins, participants in the Work Readiness Program, were elected by their friends and co-workers. Both were very happy and excited to have been selected. Nico and Christine enjoyed their first dance together and were also joined on the dance floor by Prince Caleb Oliver and Princess Machi Minikwu of the Project Independence Program.



Prince Caleb & Princess Machi

The Royal Court was announced by Desert Haven Executive Director Jenni Moran and crowned by PI Manager Lorraine McKesson and Director of Program Services Kathleen Miller.

***Congratulations to the King and Queen and Prince and Princess of the 2019 Snowflake Ball!***

## DESERT HAVEN KNOWS HOW TO PARTY SNOWFLAKE BALL 2019



## 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 2019-20:

### Work Readiness

(Employment Skills Training Habilitation Crews)

Shana Walker  
Devon Brown  
Emily Espinosa  
Richard Guzman  
Miriam Perez  
Christopher Files  
Nicole Harmon  
Edgar Lemus  
Mary Hernandez  
Luiz Gonzales  
Rosalie Venegas  
Jeffery Yuan

### Project Independence

Angel Hawkins  
April Williams  
Scott Lane  
George Camacho  
Ricky Schultz  
Scott Steusloff

### Supported Employment Individual Placement (Chosen Quarterly)

#### July—September

Thomas Cordova—Birds & Animals Unlimited

#### October—December

Rachel Johnson—Five Below

Great Job and Congratulations!

## Fall Poems

### Falling Leaves

I love the fall colors!  
Fall is a beautiful time of year!  
The falling leaves kind of make you wonder...  
How do the leaves fall from the trees?  
It's so windy!  
I said, Oh it's the work of the lord, our heavenly father  
doing his wonderful majestic work  
and I ask him, oh can you do it again?  
The special display for me again?  
Oh how I love your wonderful works!  
I love your awesome works by your hands  
you put on such a wonderful display of the  
colorful leaves  
Oh how the leaves roll and jump up on the street.  
By Melinda Hernandez

### Fall Festival

Once upon a time there was a pumpkin.  
The pumpkin is orange.  
Oval shape with stems.  
I was able to see many different types of pumpkins.  
You get to dance at the fall festival.  
I brought candy. I ate my candy.  
I watched the Halloween costumes.  
My favorite costume is the bunny, witch, and ghost  
Some are going to trick or treat.  
I am going to the haunted house party.  
By Amanda West



## HALLOWEEN 2019 PROJECT INDEPENDENCE PARTY



### Project Independence Costume Winners

#### Best Dressed

Kurt Cone & April Williams

#### Most Original

Jamari McBride

#### Most Creative

Christian Grabinger



## We want to hear from you!

The delicious taste of Coke Zero joined our Café, thank you Consumer Advisory Committee for letting our voices be heard.



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 & Pascha Miller.

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

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