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Grand Opening Celebration

Clients, staff, and countless supporters from our community gathered on Friday, April 20, for the ribbon cutting ceremony and Grand Opening celebration of Developmental Enrichment Centers new Glendale facility.



The 6,400 square foot building offers a more open design with spacious halls; warm, natural light; and larger day treatment and computer lab



rooms, kitchen area and lounge. All improvements create a warm and welcoming ambiance.



If you missed the open house, please stop by our new administrative offices in Suite 2 and we will gladly take you on a tour.



16809 N. 53rd Avenue,
Suite 1 & 2, Glendale, AZ
(South of Bell Road)

Non-Profit of the Year Award

The Peoria Chamber of Commerce Annual Awards Banquet, held at the Arizona Broadway Theatre on May 23, 2011, honored a variety of business and community leaders throughout the West Valley. The Non-Profit of the Year Award was presented to



Developmental Enrichment Centers. This award is given to honor a Non-Profit who offers outstanding contributions to the community by providing much needed and valuable services.

We would like to express our sincere appreciation to all our clients and their families; for without you this award could not be possible. We also thank God for His unending love and faithfulness to us all.



Program Highlights

Along with the excitement of moving into a new facility and the grand opening, new activities for this past quarter included exploring the new local eateries and shops, pampering clients at a local nail salon, music time with Pastor Joe and attending the Maricopa County Fair.



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY



MARCH

Stephanie B. 3/17
Daniel B. 3/20
Kelsey D. 3/22
Suzette B. 3/29

APRIL

Bryan Y. 4/3
Ronald A. 4/13
Nancy Y. 4/22

MAY

Janice F. 5/21
Edith P. 5/28

Bicycle Safety Month

May is Bicycle Safety Month and with summer just around the corner it's a great time to review some basic safety rules for riding a bicycle.

ABOUT YOUR BICYCLE:

Before you or your child head out on a ride, check the bike and...

- ◆ Always use a helmet
- ◆ Use a bicycle that is the right size for you or your child so it can be controlled properly
- ◆ Make sure the tires have the right amount of air and the brakes work
- ◆ Wear bright colors so motorists can see you or your child
- ◆ Get bright rear and front lights

RULES FOR RIDING—SIDEWALK

It is best to ride on the street, especially if there are bike lanes. The sidewalk is fine for children who are not old enough to ride in the street without adult supervision, although some local laws do not allow this. If your child rides on the sidewalk, make sure they...

- ◆ Are alert for cars entering and exiting driveways

- ◆ Stop at all intersections before crossing the street
- ◆ Alert pedestrians when coming up behind them, telling them they're about to pass on their left or right, or using a horn

RULES FOR RIDING—STREET

Bicyclists must follow the same traffic rules as car drivers. When bicycling on the street, you should...

- ◆ Obey all traffic laws, including stoplights, signs, signals and lane markings
- ◆ Yield to pedestrians
- ◆ Signal when turning

Also, be alert when passing parked cars as someone might open the door.



Arizona News—Incontinent Briefs

Incontinence Briefs for Adults Ruled Medically Necessary—May 21, 2012

A decision was issued Monday, May 21 on a lawsuit against the Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System (AHCCCS). The lawsuit, filed in 2009 by the Arizona Center for Disability Law (ACDL), aimed to overturn a state Medicaid policy that barred coverage of incontinence briefs for adults age twenty-one and over. The ruling effectively prohibits AHCCCS from denying AHCCCS-eligible members incontinence briefs when medically necessary, including to prevent skin breakdown and infection.

"This policy clearly violated federal Medicaid law both in its failure to provide coverage of medically necessary supplies to adhere to reasonable coverage standards," said Jennifer Alewelt, ACDL staff attorney.

Peri Jud Radecic, Executive Director of the ACDL commented "Without briefs, persons with disabilities who are incontinent would be confined to their homes and risk developing infections. The decision today means persons with disabilities no longer have to choose between buying briefs or paying for other necessary living expenses."

Participating Merchants

2ND ANNUAL SAMARITAN CARD
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Entertainment:



Travel:



Retail:



WAYS YOU CAN HELP

Calling all volunteers

Your generous gift of time and talents will bring smiles to our precious clients and will help us make the best use of our resources. We can use help in any of the following areas:

Office Clerical Aide: Assist with general office duties - answer phones, distribute flyers & posters, stuffing envelopes for periodic mailings, filing, updating client database, bi-lingual opportunities.

Newsletter: Oversee the editing and production of Quarterly and eNewsletters in coordination with staff and management.

Website / Facebook: Maintain postings of monthly news and events on website and related social networks and monitor contents of Family Support Forum.

Translator: Provide periodic manuscript and verbal translation support for non-English speaking family members during annual client assessment meetings.

Reading Assistants: Volunteer once or twice a week to read mail, stories, or news to clients.

Project Leader/Teacher/Aides: Lead the staff and clients in special projects such as art, crafts, cooking, games, and special holiday events and parties.

Pet Therapy/Performers/Story Tellers: Share your love of animals, talents, stories, exotic adventures, or introduce a new culture/world to our clients.

Auto Mechanic: Monitor and assist with preventative maintenance of fleet vehicles.

Everybody can be great, because anyone can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve.... You don't have to know about Plato or Aristotle to serve.... You don't have to know Einstein's theory of relativity to serve..... you just need a heart full of grace. A soul generated by love.

~Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Multi-Passenger Van Driver: Provide periodic client transportation for special week-end events. More information

Chaperone: Provide leadership and direction to staff and clients during privately funded special events.

Special Olympics: Provide sponsorship and support allowing a client to participate in local Special Olympic activities and events. If you would like to volunteer, or want more information, visit www.dec-az.com/volunteer.

OUR COMMUNITY IN ACTION

Microsoft Technology Grant

Developmental Enrichment Centers is pleased to announce Microsoft's Corporate Citizenship grants program with a software donation valued at US\$2,940.00. Microsoft believes technology can do amazing things. That's why they partner with thousands of organizations like ours around the world to help each one achieve its mission. Through their Corporate Citizenship efforts, they provide technology tools, training, and resources that can help create opportunities and transform communities. We express our sincere appreciation to Microsoft Corporation and are excited to be a part of their global community!

Midwestern University Technology

We are pleased to announce yet another corporate partnership formed this year with the Glendale Midwestern University campus, who donated 7 desktop computers for our new computer lab, accompanied by additional monitors, speakers, printer, and accessories. We would like to express our deep appreciation for all you have done for our program. Every day, our clients can now actively use them in many ways—from researching various topics to playing math and science games for reinforcement of lessons taught in class. The client thoroughly enjoy having them in the computer lab and being able to use them throughout the day.



Summer Fun—The History of Sand Castles



If you ever sat by the sea and molded the sand into towers and walls, creating a sand castle, you are certainly not alone. The art of sand castle building began a very long time ago, though documented evidence only starts about 500 years ago.

During the 14th century, records show that poet Balam Das created devotional sand sculptures in his native India. Some people believe the ancient Egyptians recreated the pyramids and other shapes in sand.

Philip McCord created an amazing sand likeness of a woman and her baby in 1897, and this is believed to be the first instance of artistic sand sculpture. Soon afterwards so many folks were fascinated by this unique art form that it became an actual business in Atlantic City, New Jersey.

By the 1970's California became the site of a new kind of sand castle builder: the professional sand artist. In fact, the SSI (Sand Sculptors International) was created there by Todd VanderPluym and Gerry Kirk to create standards for creating this type of art. They also organized teams of sand artists to create large, extremely detailed works of art. Today many towns with a beach host events and award prizes to professional and amateur sand sculptors alike.

This long evolution has resulted in a unique art form which is now called "sand art." It is defined as the practice of molding and shaping sand into an artistic form, such as a sand sculpture, a sand painting, or other form of shaped sand. A sand castle is one type of sand sculpture which most of us recognize and may even choose to create.



The art of sand sculpting is unique in that a patron is able to watch the piece actually being formed and shaped as the artist works. This type of "art in action" is certainly a fascination for people of all ages.



The possibilities for creating with sand are endless. Sand sculptures can weigh up to 5000 tons, and can be made in any shape or form imaginable to match a theme or event. Hundreds of annual competitions are held all over the world.

Most sand sculpting events are open to the public and are free.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT



Nicole Endresen
Program Manager

Nicole comes to us from another sister DDD approved agency in the west valley where she served as the Operations Manager.

Prior to working with special needs, she worked in the medical field as a fertility specialist and pharmaceutical research coordinator. In the summer of 2007 she began volunteering as a children's ministry leader at Parkway Christian Church. She was responsible for not only their youngest members, but their special needs members as well. She fell in love with the "job" and has never been the same since.

"At home, I am a wife of a law enforcement officer, a mother of a 5 year old boy and expecting another boy in October. I still volunteer at our church and enjoy time with the family. In my spare time; I enjoy writing, scrapbooking and cooking. I praise our Father God each day for the wonderful blessings He has brought to our family and I look forward to serving the community of DEC for many years to come.



WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST DEC STAFF

Derik Roof, *Children's Afterschool Program*; Suzette Baker, *Adult Day Program*; Brian Harrison, *Adult Day Program*; Rhonda Pritchard, *HR Administrative Assistant*; Donesha Nicholson, *Home Care Based Services*

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