

## WELCOME

Welcome to our newest DEC staff:

### DTA Program:

Tamikica Harrison & Debbie Siken

### Home Care:

Abby Pickens

## EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

January 2015  
Luz Orozco



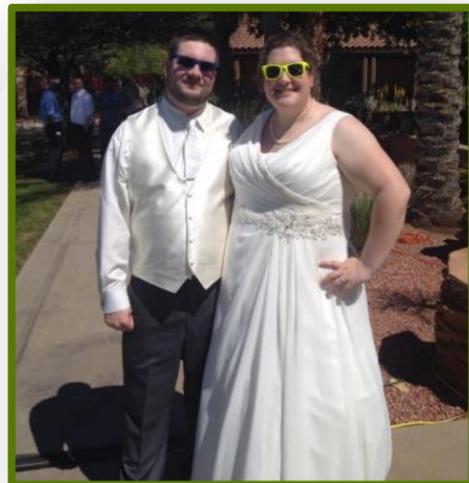
February 2015  
Kelly St. Clair



March 2015  
Edith Peinado



## DEC FAMILY HIGHLIGHTS



### Congratulations Bryan & Yael Younger!

It's official! They're hitched! Bryan and Yael were married in a beautiful and intimate outdoor ceremony in front of close friends and family on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at the Cibola Vista Spa & Resort in North Peoria. The happy couple then honeymooned on a week-long Carnival Cruise to the Caribbean Islands. Bryan's favorite expression is "happy wife is a happy life." Best of luck to the new Youngers!



Congratulations to Edith our Admin. Assistant and Jacob our Senior DSP who have a new baby boy born on April 4, 2015 at 10lbs & 22 3/4 in. long!

### Jacob Ryder Hoffman

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## A LETTER FROM OUR CEO!

Greetings DEC family and friends,

These past several months have been a very busy time for all of us here at DEC. We happily enrolled many new clients into home care services and launched an enhanced activity schedule for our day programs. Our aging transportation fleet has been challenged with a number of major repairs and maintenance requirements that has required much juggling of transport schedules. We are extremely thankful to our many supporters without whom it would be difficult to sustain the increased expense of maintain these all important vehicles.

As we look ahead, DEC is preparing to launch a new staff training initiative which will position us as a premier provider training and skills development center in the northwest valley. Keep watching for more information regarding this new venture. In the interim, we are busy hiring new staff to work in our children's summer program which begins June 1<sup>st</sup>. Many of these new staff have agreed to remain on in the capacity of home care providers which comes as welcome news to the many families waiting for services.

Plans are also underway to enlist sponsors for the annual fall fundraiser. If you are aware of any organization or business that might be interested in sponsoring this event, please feel free to contact me. Money raised from the fall fund raiser helps to support our many programs throughout the year and is vital to our continued growth.

To all our new clients and their families I want to extend a warm welcome to the DEC family and trust that you will experience a true community of friendship and acceptance.

Warmest Regards,

Nancy R Younger,  
Founder and Chief Executive Officer



## 8th Annual Arizona Wireless Association Golf Tournament

On Thursday, April 16th, DEC was honored during the 8th Annual Arizona Wireless Association Golf Tournament as charity of the year. Bryan Younger, Corporate Controller and Rhonda Pritchard, HCBS/Sales Manager attended the evening dinner at the ASU Karsten Golf Course in Tempe. On behalf of DEC, they accepted a donation \$13,000.00 from Karla Richards, AZWA President. This generous donation will help DEC to further our goal of enriching the lives of the developmental disabled. We give a big Thank you to Arizona Wireless Association as well as to Debbie Parker who nominated DEC as the tournament charity.

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## January

- Alia A. 1/1
- Ashley H. 1/1
- Jachaeya P. 1/3
- Jerald F. 1/8
- Luke S. 1/14
- Michelle W. 1/16
- Matthew N. 1/18
- Frank P. 1/25
- Matthew P. 1/28
- Cassandra C. 1/31
- Jacob H. 1/31

## February

- Brittany B. 2/4
- Connie L. 2/12
- Hayley C. 2/14
- Rhonda P. 2/21
- Christiana C. 2/25

## March

- Tatiana J. 3/4
- Amanda M. 3/9
- Corwin P. 3/13
- Dianna A. 3/14
- Justin H. 3/14
- Stephanie B. 3/17
- Daniel B. 3/20
- Michael H. 3/20
- Jessica C. 3/21
- Michael N. 3/24
- Jonathan B. 3/26
- Phillip T. 3/27
- Ruben M. 3/27

## DEC NEWS

### Spring Craft Fair

A Spring Craft Fair was held on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. It was a fun day of shopping for our guests. We had approximately 20 vendors with specialty crafts, jewelry, health, beauty, and home décor items. DEC 's refreshment stand was a very popular stop for both vendors and guests alike and we also use this opportunity to promote the many programs and services of DEC at the information table and promotional video.



# Spring



### Easter Celebration

On Saturday, April 4th DEC joined numerous volunteers for a time of games, food, inflatables, and a children's egg hunt at Chaparral Park located less than 1 mile from DEC. This free event was sponsored by Faith Bible Church on behalf of the local community as a means of sharing Christ's love to our local neighbors. Several of these same neighbors expressed interest in the services available through DEC and in fact returned the following weekend to attend our Spring Craft Fair.



### Open House

In celebration of the New Year, DEC held an open house on January 30th for prospective clients, DDD Support Coordinators and Special Education Teachers from local school districts. Clients and staff alike had a wonderful time creating welcoming decorations and herbal soaps as a gift for our guests. The response from those attending was very favorable and we have already seen an increase in inquiries for client services.



## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS!

**Adult Program:** This past year has flown by for our DEC family. Doesn't it seem just like yesterday that we were putting up the Christmas tree? The DTA Program managed to keep ourselves warm and snug with a pizza and pajama party for New Years. The adults partied and danced through the night on Valentine's Day. Jumping from hearts to shamrocks, the adults put on their Irish faces to prepare and celebrate a wonderful St. Patrick's Day feast. Get this - there were enough delicious leftovers to feed a small village, but the adults managed to devour the remains over the course of a week. To celebrate friendship, and to truly appreciate the beauty of nature, the adults visited the Japanese Friendship Gardens in Phoenix. Rumor has it that the scenery was beautiful. Unfortunately the fish were getting belly aches with all the fish food the adults were feeding them! Anyway, what a fun and exciting first quarter our adults experienced.

**Children's Program:** Not only did our adults have fun, this past quarter but you should hear what our DTT Children's After School Program experienced. From a Hungry Howie Pizza Party, to flying kites outdoors in the grass, to learning various stranger danger skills, to a cool lunch in the park, a bowling outing, creating great craft projects, and finally visiting the movie theater to watch "Dolphin Tales II." What else can a child ask for in an after school program? While we anxiously wait for DTS to come, let's all have a safe and wonderful Summer!



## DTS TIME! June 1st-July 31st



"It's a PIXAR life"



DEC is proud to present the 2015 DTS Summer program theme "It's a Pixar Kind of Life!" Taking off June 1<sup>st</sup>, DTS will explore memory skills with 'Finding Nemo,' learn to respect our elders with the help of 'Up,' practice our vehicle safety with McQueen and the gang of 'Cars' and so much more!

DEC hopes to see all of you there and to remember "to infinity and beyond!"

