



I learned that courage was not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it. The brave man is not he who does not feel afraid, but he who conquers that fear.

—Nelson Mandela

Supporting ALL people to be part of their community

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Profiles in Dedication

Tunland employees helping people build better, stronger lives



Michael Dolejs

One of Tunland's new residential Assistant Directors, Michael Dolejs came to Tunland in 2011 after working at a small provider agency in his home state of Nebraska.

Starting as a direct care staff at the St. Catherine group home, Michael accepted the responsibility of managing the house some time later.

His excellent work as a manager was recognized and in 2012 Michael was promoted to a residential Program Coordinator. In August 2013, Michael shouldered the job of a residential Assistant Director, overseeing 10 homes.

"It's all about caring," Michael says of his work. "Success is caring about the people we serve. It's about supporting our staff. It's about communication and teamwork."



Sarah Romero

After working for five years as a special education assistant in elementary education, Sarah Romero joined Tunland's residential staff 13 years ago and was assigned to the former Team Spirit group home.

Two years later, Sarah began to manage two group homes, Palisades and Taro. Sarah says that these homes are still close to her heart as well as her work.

Last year, Sarah, who is very diligent and attends to every detail that's involved in running a group home, was promoted to Program Coordinator. She now oversees five residential settings.

"The people we serve in our homes teach you a lot of things," Sarah says of her clients. "I have good relationships with all of them. They are a great source of joy to me."

Happy Birthday, John!

Employed at the Tunland Phoenix office since 1994, John celebrated his birthday in September with a party in the Scanning Department where he works, and later at his Desert Hills home where John's staff and friends made his day with John's favorite, strawberry shortcake.

On weekends you'll find this avid moviegoer at one of Phoenix's big cinemas, seeing several new flicks. John is always ready to review the movies he sees. To boost his knowledge of English and math, John enrolled in a college adult education program, and works very hard at his studies.

Happy birthday, John, and may all your dreams come true!



Landscapers

Are Fashionable Dudes,
Says J.P.

J.P. is a guy who likes to show up for work fashionably attired, as this recent photo taken at the Special Touch Auto Shop demonstrates.

A long-time resident of Phoenix, J.P. is doing very good work as a member of Tunland's Landscaping Crew.

J.P. has been exploring some ideas about the kind of job he wants in the future, and is also thinking about living in the community more independently.

Go for it, J.P., and may your future bring you much joy and happiness!

When Tunkland opened Honeybee house in Tucson, Ashley and Vanessa decided it was time for a party

*by Angela Ontiveroz, Program Coordinator
Honeybee Group Home, Tucson AZ*

Tunkland's Tucson Area opened a new group home called Honeybee and welcomed two new residents, Ashley and Vanessa—two very energetic young ladies.

Ashley and Vanessa are very proud of their new home, so, once everything settled down, they wanted to open their doors to family and friends and have a housewarming party to show it off.

On the day of the party Ashley and Vanessa got up extra early because they were excited to decorate the house for the party. By that afternoon the grill was going, the music was bumping, and the house was jumping.

Many people from other Tucson group homes attended, along with a number of Ashley's and Vanessa's friends and family. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves with a Wii dance-off, plenty of games, and lots of good food. By the end of the party Ashley and Vanessa had made many new friends.



Top row: Rachael and Eddie, Vanessa's aunt and uncle, Ashley's brother Allen, Staff Cimala Sheffield, Honeybee Manager Narise Rust, Demetri Chiagouris. Middle row: Co-Hostess Vanessa, Staff Helen Chiagouris, Cascada Staff Terry Anderson and Jodi McCallumn, Cascada's resident Vikki, and Tucson Asst. Director Lisa Ontiveroz. Front row: Honeybee Co-Hostess Ashley, Program Coordinator Angela Ontiveroz, and Lena Winchester.



Vanessa (center) had a warm welcome for Relief Staff Helen Chiagouris and her son Demetri.



Tungland's Tucson Director Charles Bley (left) and his wife Eve (right) joined Jodi, a resident of Tucson's Cascada House, to celebrate the opening of the new Honeybee house.



▲ *Rosewood Group Home Mgr. Juan Moreno, and the Cascada House partygoers: residents Vikki and Terry and their Staff Brittany Boone.*



▶ *Co-Hostess Vanessa welcomed her cousins to her new home, making sure they felt right at home.*



History meets Hollywood at Glendale's Wild Western Festival, Sahuaro Ranch Park, Oct. 25th-27th



Saddle up for a rootin' tootin' good time, round up your posse, and git down to **Sahuaro Ranch Park in Glendale, AZ**, on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, October 25—27, 2013 for the **2013 Wild Western Festival**.

DISCOUNT COUPONS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO TUNGLAND GROUP HOME RESIDENTS. Check your group home mailboxes for the flyer and contact **THERESA BORGES** at **602-606-8074** for more information and discounts!

Glendale's Wild Western Festival has achieved much fame in recent years, considered by many as one of the best annual festivals of its kind in the Western USA.

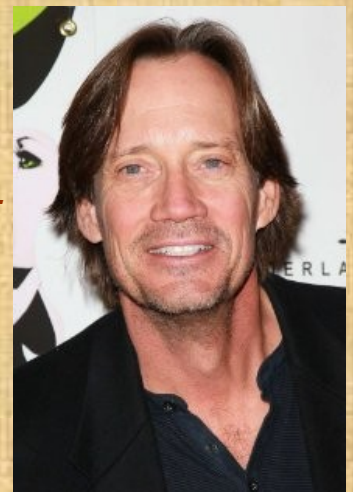
Sahuaro Ranch Park is located on 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road in Glendale. The Wild Western Festival is the place where history meets Hollywood for the best Wild West Show in the West.

Among the featured activities at the Wild West Festival will be **GUN-FIGHTS ... STUNT SHOWS ... LIVE MUSIC ... LOTS O' COWBOY ROUNDUP GRUB ... MOVIE STARS AND AUTOGRAPHS ... AND MUCH MORE!**

This year's movie-star attraction at the Wild West Festival will be TV-film actor Kevin Sorbo, who will be on hand to greet Festival visitors and sign autographs.

Readers will recall the actor for his leading roles in the television series Hercules: The Legendary Journeys, and Andromeda. The actor has appeared in a number of films, and recently completed a made-for-cable Western flick, entitled Shadow on the Mesa.

FREE PARKING



Kevin Sorbo



Register to vote!

Let your voice be heard
when it needs to be heard!



We need to elect leaders who understand the real needs and hopes of Arizona's most vulnerable citizens—people with disabilities, the elderly, those struggling with poverty.

That means that we should take our right to vote seriously—every qualified voter should be registered to vote. You may register by paper registration form or you may register online. You may also ask to be on the Permanent Early Voter list and have a ballot mailed to your home.

Remember that when you register in Arizona you must have a valid ID card with your current address. Make sure your address is correct. Fill it out completely—answer all the questions.

Registration Forms are usually available at your local public libraries, your local city clerk's office, your local post office, the DMV, and even at some banks and supermarkets. Forms are also available to Tunland clients and staff at the TTC office. Ask Vince Kruse at Ext. 8091.

You may also register online at www.servicearizona.com. A driver's license, non-operator's ID card, a tribal ID, a valid passport are examples of valid ID documents.

For assistance call your local county elections office:

Maricopa County: 602-506-3535. Coconino County: 928-679-7850.

Pima County: 520-724-4330. Pinal County: 520-509-3555. Yavapai County: 928-771-3248.

How To Spell the Word "Change"

by Ever Lee Hairston

Change. That's what it's all about.

"C" is for courage—taking a risk and making a commitment.

"H" is for honesty. I had to learn, "To thine own self be true."

"A" is for assertiveness. Be direct.

"N" It was necessary for me to make some changes along the way.

"G" is for God for me—my choice, my higher power.

"E" is for excitement. We must smile and enjoy what we do.

- * None of us can achieve success entirely on our own.
- * Coming together is a beginning.
- * Keeping together is a process.
- * Working together is success.

Ever Lee Hairston is a longtime activist in the National Federation of the Blind. She has served as the First Vice President of the New Jersey Federation of the Blind and as the Lead Program Coordinator of that state's Commission for the Blind. The passage on this page is an excerpt from her stirring speech to the national convention of the Federation of the Blind on July 5, 2000. Her words and example continue to provide us with much to ponder.



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