



### **New ARCH website!**

ARCH has a new website! Check it out at [www.archaz.org](http://www.archaz.org)

We have been working hard for many months and finally reached our goal! A big thank you to Ryan Sieker from Wizler for his hard work in setting it up. Terri, our previous Development Director got the process going and Jennie, our new Grants & Communications Director, then took over the helm and added the new content, with the help of Rick, our IT manager, and Destiny, our Communications Assistant.

We hope the new website will give a better impression of what we all know ARCH to be - reflected in our new tagline - 'A Place to Thrive, Enriching Lives'. We have tried to make it easier for participants to book events and trips through the website and find current schedules and activity info.

We will post regular blog posts and keep you up to date with our forthcoming projects and campaigns as well as more news of our partners and supporters. Take a look when you get a minute! We welcome any feedback you may have of how we can expand and improve on it in the future. Please send any feedback to [jennieh@archaz.org](mailto:jennieh@archaz.org)



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### **Cornerstone the Future of ARCH update**

Thank you for your kind donations for our new Cornerstone the Future of ARCH campaign! Our land acquisition campaign is ongoing into next year so there's still time to contribute if you wish. Read more about the campaign [here](#) on our website. You can donate here or online

or send us a check.

**Donate**

Thank you ~ every donation gets us closer to securing ARCH's services for future generations.

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### **WebPT donates to new ARCHKids playground**



Employees from Physical Therapy Software Company, WebPT, recently paid us a visit to give us \$1083 in donations they had raised at their workplace for our new playground, currently under construction.

It was lovely to meet them all and we look forward to developing our partnership with them in the future. More playground pics coming soon in next month's newsletter!



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### **Deck the halls!**

Cynthia Bennett, ARCH's Board President, Arizona Flower Market and a kind benefactor kindly supported ARCH with décor items for our Thanksgiving Meal and Holiday Dinner Dance.

See our new ['Prom Preparations ~ Behind the Scenes'](#) and ['Happy Holiday Dinner Dance!'](#) blog posts for more pics!



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**Spread the sunshine all around!**



Arizona Flower Market recently surprised us when they dropped off 108 bunches of sunflowers for our participants to take home!



A big thank you to the other foundations and companies that have recently supported ARCH:

**Thunderbird Charities, Sundt Foundation, Schulz Foundation, Boeing, Valley Kids Foundation, Beauty Call, WebPT, The King Cleaning Services, A.T. Still University Dental School, GCU Nursing School, Cactus High J.R.O.T.C (Junior Reserve Officer Training Corp) and our other Holiday event volunteers.**

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### **'A Day for Special Smiles' with A.T. Still University Dental School**

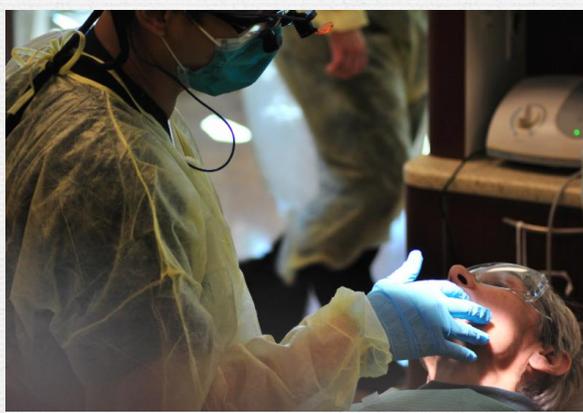


In November, 15 participants went to A.T. Still University's 'A Day for Special Smiles' in Mesa to receive free emergency dental treatment. Our STEPS to Health & Wellness Coordinator, TJ Geist Anderson said *"It's such a gift to the community and I'm amazed by how much the Dental School students participate in the way that they do. A.T. Still University Dental School is one of the few places that has remembered about this forgotten population. They are so supportive of the whole special needs community."*

We asked two of our participants about their experience at Smile a Day:

*"It was wonderful! I wasn't afraid. They said I was very brave. They helped me out and I'm so pleased they cared. I came home and I thought 'Wow!' I felt pretty good!"*

*"They pulled four of my bad teeth. It's a lot better now and my mouth isn't so sore. ARCH did a good thing and I felt good about it. I enjoyed the day, it was good."*



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**ARCHKids Winter Break program is coming up!**



ARCHKids will run from 9am to 2pm during the weeks of December 27th through January 6th. If you are interested in extended hours please contact Derrick Martinez to RSVP by December 21st, or if you have any questions.

**Wednesday, December 28th: Snow Day in Flagstaff ~ \$10**

We will be leaving ARCH at 10:00am and will be back at 6:00pm. Evening transportation will not be available on this day, so a ride must be arranged beforehand. Please dress for cold weather and snow! Lunch will be provided. Please RSVP for this Outing by December 23rd.

We will be going on lots of other outings too! Check out the full calendar on our website [ARCHKids page](#)

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## **Staff Spotlight: Margaret and Rufus**

Each month we will feature our wonderful ARCH staff. Many are familiar faces, such as Margaret and Rufus, who have worked at ARCH for five and four years, respectively.

Margaret is one of the first friendly faces you will meet in the afternoons at our front desk. Rufus is one of our drivers who drops off and picks up participants daily. Their son, Eric attends ARCH every day and they have both been involved with ARCH for many years. Read their full story on our blog [here](#)



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**NEW: The maximum amounts for the Charitable Tax Credit have increased to \$800 for married / filing jointly and up to \$400 for individuals.**

**Deadline is end of December 2016.**

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