



The Legacy of Mary P. Lees



As many of you know, we are in the process of raising money to purchase our land from the City of Phoenix, in order to secure our programs and services for many generations to come.

ARCH has been running its programs for over 40 years under the leadership of Kip and her sister Vera. What many of you may not know is that their mother, Mary P. Lees, was instrumental in setting up our organization and establishing recreational services in the Valley for people with disabilities.

Being able to purchase the land on which ARCH stands, and Cornerstoning the Future of ARCH, will be another amazing progressive step in ARCH's story and a fitting legacy to Mary's hard work, care and resilience.

We interviewed her daughter Vera, ARCH's Program Director, about her mother. *"ARCH still embraces the original philosophy of my mom, providing opportunities for all members of the special needs community. She would be amazed at how far we have come since 1975 and what we have done for so many people. She would be very proud."*

Read our interview with Vera and more about Mary's journey and life on our [blog here](#).

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Read more about how you can help our **Cornerstone the Future of ARCH** Land Acquisition campaign [here](#)



ARCH Gone Fishin' Club Annual Fundraising Car Wash ~ This Saturday March 4th ~

Get your tickets for our 2nd Annual Car Wash in the ARCH parking lot! ARCH Gone Fishin' Club members will be raising money for their annual Canyon Fishing trip! You can buy a \$5 ticket for your vehicle from one of the Club members, from the ARCH reception desk or **just turn up on the day.**

Alternatively you can donate toward the Canyon Fishing trip below via Go Fund Me.



Sweetheart Dance Showcase ~ February 2017

A loving time was had by all! Check out more photos from our recent Sweetheart Dance on our blog post [here](#).



Staff Spotlight: CJ Glenn

If you have ever visited ARCH on a weekday morning you will probably have met our morning receptionist CJ.

Describing herself as "Part of a military family so from everywhere", CJ has been involved in ARCH for over 20 years, first as a volunteer driver, and later employed here as the receptionist, driver and one of the Kitchen Coordinators for events. Known also as 'Grace's Mom', CJ always brings a smile to our mornings!

Read more about her in this month's Staff Spotlight blog post [here](#).



Cornerstone the Future of ARCH

~ There's Still Time to Donate your year-end Arizona Tax Credit ~

Although the deadline has passed for the end of year Federal Tax credit donations, you can still donate up to \$400 per person or \$800 per couple from your Arizona tax payment up until

April 15, 2017.

Donate

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



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