



The New ARCHKids Playground is ready!

It's a new year and our kids now have access to a new state of the art adaptive playground at the back of our ARCHKids building. It has interactive play stations, heat reducing landscaping, activity structures that encourage movement, a splash pad and a covered picnic/outdoor break area.



"The kids love it!", said Derrick Martinez, ARCHKids Coordinator. They want to play on it all the time, even when we tell them it's too cold! They're really proud of it and have been showing their parents and families saying 'Come and see our playground!' They're getting a lot of exercise and enjoying running around."

See more pics and more about how the new playground developed on our [new Playground blog post here](#).

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ARCHKids Winter Break Showcase



Our kids recently had two weeks of winter fun over the holidays! They went ice skating at City Skate and ice block racing, had yummy pizza at Peter Piper Pizza, had a day at the Phoenix Zoo, saw 'Rogue One' and 'Sing' at Harkins Theatres and had a fun Snow Day in Flagstaff!

You can see more pictures of their trips on our [ARCHKids Winter Break Trips 2016 blog post here.](#)

Cornerstone the Future of ARCH update

~ Donate your year-end Arizona Tax credit ~

In November last year we launched our **Cornerstone the Future of ARCH** campaign to raise money for our land purchase. We are actively applying for grants from major corporations and foundations. Many of you kindly responded to both of our letter and to our end of year tax credit appeal and generously donated towards our goal. Thank you so much for your support. If you did not take the opportunity to donate and would like to, we are still accepting donations for this campaign.

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.



Arizona Recreation Center for the Handicapped is a 501(c)(3) not-profit organization. Your contribution is tax-deductible to the extent of the IRS codes.

ARCH Gone Fishin' Club Annual Fundraising Car wash ~ 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.



Valentines Sweetheart Dance ~ February 11, 2017

Booking is now open for our upcoming Sweetheart Dance (with Spaghetti Dinner) on February 11th 5:30pm-9:00pm. Cost: \$7.00. Book via our website or pay at the ARCH desk.



BOOK NOW



New Media Club Launching at ARCH

On February 8th we will be launching a new weekly Media club for ARCH participants!

Learn how to find your way around your phone, how to take and print photographs, how to scan and frame pictures and much more! The Club will run on Wednesdays from 2.30-3.30pm. We will start with an 8-week block until the end of March and see how it goes. If you are interested to find out more, come along to our Media Club sign up session on Wednesday February 1st at 2:30-3:30pm at ARCH or email Jennie at jennieh@archaz.org

We will also be looking for volunteers for the club if you want to help us or if you have an idea for a media activity. Get in touch with Jennie at jennieh@archaz.org.

Staff Spotlight: Derrick Martinez

This month we are featuring our ARCHKids Coordinator, Derrick Martinez. Raised in Phoenix since the age of 2, Derrick, now age 33, has worked at ARCH for 15 years, working his way up to become the main supervisor for our ARCHKids programs at our Colter St. campus. When he isn't supervising staff, picking up clients, filling in daily log sheets or supporting one of our ARCHKids clients, you can also find him doing the daily staff lunch run or overseeing the cooking in the kitchen for ARCH events! Read more of his story on our [new Staff Spotlight blog post here.](#)



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