

ARCH Horizons

Expand Yours

News and information about Arizona Recreation Center for the Handicapped

Kip's Corner

We are exceptionally grateful for your support over this last year and for everyone sticking with us throughout the pandemic.

Apart from a few weeks during the state lockdown, **we managed to keep our facility open for our participants and families.** We adapted, set up health and safety protocols and made it possible for countless parents, caregivers and family members to continue to work, knowing their loved ones were in a safe environment with activities to do, and most importantly, access to their network of friends and social routines. Although our group outings, special events and trips were postponed, **we have continued to provide over 105 activities per week**, including recreational and fitness activities, performing arts and holiday celebrations.



An overall reduction in **attendance and a loss of rental income did impact our usual annual revenues**, but we were blessed to receive funding from many individuals, foundations and organizations who have helped to keep us afloat. **Trips and some outings are now resuming and we hope gradually to re-instate our other outings, special events and volunteer programs.** We've also used this time to update our facility and our equipment. We are moving forward into the future with renewed optimism and hope that those of you who have not yet returned will come back soon to the ARCH family. Please get in touch with me directly if you have any concerns. **We will be here for you when you are ready.**

Weathering the Storm

Like many local non-profits, the pandemic took its toll on our finances as well as our hearts and souls! Your donations helped us to stay afloat!

Any donation you can give today, big or small, is an investment in the day to day lives of our participants.

Donating is easy; You can donate via our website (archaz.org) or by clicking on the donate button below. Thank you!



From the COVID-19 State Lockdown in March 2020 to March 2021	Since April 2021
A 40% reduction in attendance affected programming revenue.	Attendance is now growing again. Funders are reopening grant cycles.
During the lockdown, only the Drop-in program for adults was closed.	Drop-In program resumed in May 2020 and attendance is increasing.
DTA program remained open but had a drop in attendance.	DTA program remains open and attendance is increasing.
Initially 60% of our activities had to be restructured.	105 activities a week are still being delivered. Some trips and outings are now resuming.
ARCHKids program remained open. Our Paradise Valley satellite program was closed due to venue closure and those participants were transported daily to our main campus.	ARCHKids program remains ongoing. Our Paradise Valley Summer Camp resumes in June.
30 groups who used our gym and field cancelled overnight.	15 groups have now returned and we can rely on their rental income.



Energy Efficiency Project

In 2018, we initiated a funding campaign to renovate our facility and make it more energy efficient. With the generous help of individual donors and 4 local funders (City of Phoenix Neighborhood Services, Del E. Webb Foundation, Nina Mason Pulliam Charitable Trust, and the Kemper and Ethel Marley Foundation) in 2020 this project finally got underway. Although we experienced some delays, we updated 11 HVAC units, and replaced 60 lights and 17 doors. This will make the building more comfortable for everyone and over time decrease our utility costs. We are now starting Phase II which includes a new roof, restrooms and kitchen. Watch this space for more developments!

Thank you to all who contributed to this project!



Thank You! New Hope & New Beginnings!

The grants and funding scene changed significantly during the pandemic as many funders postponed their annual grant cycles or ran out of money. Many however, came to the rescue and continued to support us throughout this challenging time. *We were particularly grateful to those who assisted us in buying new equipment so that we can come out of this time with not only renewed hope, but new supplies!* Cabela's Bass Pro Outdoor Fund helped us replace much of our camping equipment, Arizona Sports and Tourism Authority paid for Special Olympics sports uniforms and equipment and the Molly Lawson Foundation helped us update our lighting and sound equipment for our Performing Arts program. We were lucky to also receive additional COVID relief funding from the US government, the State Governor's Office, the Department for Developmental Disabilities, and other special funds set up by the Arizona Community Foundation.



ARCHKids Program

Our ARCHKids program remained open so that families could continue to work, many as frontline workers, knowing their child was cared for. Unfortunately, we had to close our Paradise Valley satellite program due to venue closures, but we were able to transport those participants to our main campus program. When schools remained closed, we worked with our partners to set up a Virtual Learning Center so participants could continue with their schoolwork. Paradise Valley Summer Camp has now reopened.

Thanks to all the funders who kept our ARCHKids program going!



ARCH Activities Update



We still have a busy schedule of activities for participants to choose from. Check out our website for up-to-date details. Some outings, in smaller groups, will resume in June ~ library, splash parks, bowling and movies for the adults and the zoo and restaurant trips for the kids. Hiking and ARCH Gone Fishin' Camp Outs have resumed and our main ARCH annual Camp Out will take place in August.



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Receive a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for your donation of up to \$800 (for a married couple) and \$400 (for an individual). Please use our QCO Code on your tax return: **20478**.

ARCH Gone Fishin' Club Camp Out

In May, we were able to resume our ARCH Gone Fishin' Camp Out. 30 participants enjoyed a pleasant outdoors weekend of fishing at Kaibab Lake, Williams, Arizona. We are grateful to the AZ Game and Fish Department for funding this trip. It was lovely to be out in nature again and enjoying each other's company.

