

50th Anniversary Message

Hello to those who will open this time capsule!

My journey with ARCH began in 2001, when I was introduced to the organization through Marlas Rink and worked with her daughter, Piper, at the ARCHKids Program at the Paradise Valley campus. In 2010, I was looking for one full-time position since at the time I was working at ARCH part-time and at Paradise Valley High School. I was offered a position at ARCH's Main Campus- little did I know this decision would change my life and become such a large part of my story.

I've been honored to play a small part in the incredible history of ARCH. The greatest joy of my time here has been getting to know and working with the clients. Watching them grow and watching the program grow alongside them has been nothing short of amazing. I still remember when we would share a room with the Adult's side and now, we have our own building AND a playground!

As I reflect on my time with ARCH over the past 24 years, I have so much to be thankful and grateful for. I've enjoyed befriending my co-workers who have become family to me. I would also love to take the time to thank Kip and Vera for helping me grow into the man I am today and for making ARCH feel like a second home. This has been my favorite job. Although both have impacted my life, I have to especially thank Vera Martinez for helping me through so much in my lifetime and being an amazing boss and friend.

To the staff who will be leading ARCH's future, I want to say thank you for keeping our mission going!

Sincerely,
Derrick Martinez



ARCHKids Coordinator





Me & Vera



Me & clients at the
Paradise Valley
campus



Me & clients at
ARCH's Main
Campus

