

## Faces of Arion: Alison Walker



**Alison Walker** has been a supervisor with Arion Care Solutions since 2008 and recently accepted the Training Manager position. Alison will be training on a variety of topics including Article 9, DCW (Direct Care Worker training), habilitation training, and Positive Behavior Support. Alison will

also be developing the Continuing Education Units (CEU's) for Direct Care Workers (DCW's need 6 CEU's per year). Classes will be taught at our Chandler Training office and our North Valley training office. In addition, she will be organizing parent information nights with guest speakers on a variety of topics. Alison has a Bachelor of Science in Education from Grand Canyon University and a Master of Arts in Education: School Counseling from Ottawa University. She is currently working on her doctorate at Grand Canyon University in Educational Leadership. Alison has experience teaching at the elementary level and has taught education courses at Arizona State University, Louisiana State University, Northern Arizona University, and Grand Canyon University. She has also been a school counselor at the elementary, middle, and high school levels.

## Monthly Shout Out: Arlene Mazzella



Contact Sonia at [sdykhuizen@arioncaresolutions.com](mailto:sdykhuizen@arioncaresolutions.com) to nominate your favorite provider. Recipient will receive a \$50 gift card.

**Arlene Mazzella** has been a habilitator and a welcomed addition to our family for over 5 years. Not only has Arlene worked countless hours on habilitation goals and self help needs; she has taken Luke on special outings, attended field trips, and has had us over for celebrations. It is my pleasure to nominate Arlene for the provider of the month for November. Her hard work, patience, perseverance, and love make her the perfect candidate. Our lives have been truly blessed by Arlene's presence; she has forever changed Luke's future. Arlene and her husband Rich have treated Luke like a very special grandchild. We cannot thank her and Rich enough for all they have done for our family. They stuck it out during the most difficult circumstances, behaviors, and life changes. Thank you Lord for placing this amazing woman/couple of God in our lives.  
Roxann, Julia, Luke and service dog Hope

## Sibling Fun

**Sibshops:** A program just for brothers and sisters of kids with special needs!

Designed for children ages 6-13, Sibshops are fun, lively workshops that provide siblings of children with special needs the opportunity to interact with peers and make new friends.

### Save the Saturday Dates:

November 10, 2012, February 9, 2013, and April 13, 2013 from 10am-2pm.

Location: Hospice of the Valley  
1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix AZ 85014

Contact Holly Cotter at [hcotter@ryanhouse.org](mailto:hcotter@ryanhouse.org)  
National website: [www.siblingsupport.org](http://www.siblingsupport.org)

## Giving Thanks Tree Craft

This is a great way for your family to celebrate Thanksgiving. Have all your friends and family members add 'leaves' to your tree as they visit over the holidays.

### **Instructions:**

Fill a clay pot or jar with pebbles and stick branches into the pebbles so it stands like a tree. Cut a variety of leaf shapes out of red, orange, and yellow construction paper. Use a hole punch to make a hole in each leaf. Cut a piece of ribbon, about 8" long for each leaf shape you have. On each leaf, a person should write something they are thankful for. The ribbon can be threaded through the hole in a leaf and tied to the tree. Keep a basket full of blank leaves next to your tree so that your family or visitors can add leaves.



<http://familycrafts.about.com/od/thanksgiving/a/GivingThanksTree.htm>