

# Valley job changes, recognitions noted

## Job changes

**Mark Anderson**, owner of the BuzzFactory advertising and marketing agency in Palm Springs, has been elected as a governing board member for **Cielo Vista Charter School** in Palm Springs. Anderson fills the seat vacated by Teri Simon when she moved out of the area.

**Michael Chilner** has been appointed to the position of detective assigned to the investigations bureau with the **Desert Hot Springs Police Department**. Chilner has been an officer with the department since 2008.

**Mary Zimmerman** has joined **Senior Living Alternatives**, a free referral and placement agency in Palm Desert. As a senior consultant, Zimmerman will select assisted-living, board and care homes, Alzheimer's and dementia facilities based on the client's physical, emotional and financial needs.

**Stefania Ford** has been named art director of **Old Town Artisan Studio** in La Quinta. Ford will be in charge of primary instruction for classes to nonprofit groups and the community, as well as studio instruction in ceramics and glass.

## PHILANTHROPY

**The H.N. and Frances C. Berger Foundation**, in partnership with CBS Local 2, presented a \$25,000 Coachella Valley Spotlight grant to the **College of the Desert Foundation** in September. The funds will benefit the McCarthy Family Child Development and Training Center, which is the model lab/demonstration program for the Early Childhood Education department and offers free and low-cost child care.

**Edison International** has presented a \$5,000 award as part of Edison's community outreach Healthy Kids, Healthy Families Program to **Food Now** in Desert Hot Springs. The money will be used to help fund Food Now's food distribution program.

**Desert Healthcare District** recently approved more than \$500,000 in grants to local organizations.

» **Health Assessment Resource Center** has been granted \$300,000 for the first component of the 2013 Community Health Monitory. Funding will allow HARC to conduct a random digital telephone survey. The survey will be administered valley-wide, including all nine cities



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and the surrounding unincorporated Riverside County area.

» **Coachella Valley Association of Governments** has been awarded a grant of \$134,741 to support nursing services for homeless clients at Roy's Resource Center.

» The **LGBT Community Center** has received a \$69,138 grant to conduct a needs assessment to identify and measure unmet health needs among LGBT residents in the region.

## RECOGNITION

**Desert Hot Springs Police Chief Kate Singer** has begun the **FBI National Academy Pro-**

**gram** training in Quantico, Virginia. Selected officers worldwide are chosen to attend these sessions in order to better prepare to meet the crime challenges within their communities. During her absence, the Police Department will be managed daily by commanders Dan Bressler and Ken Peary under the direction of City Manager Rick Daniels.

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