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National Dress Your Dog Day

In observance of National Dress your Dog Day, Tresko invited Stephen Torres and his team of trainers from [Service Dogs for America](#) to show our consumers the variety of dogs that he trains for both utility and service uses.

Mr. Torres and his team introduced Titan (Military/SAR), Layla (SAR), Kane (SAR), Linus (Allergy Alert), Zaden (PTSD), Tiny (Therapy), along with a PowerPoint presentation showing a brief description of each type of service animal. Stephen also demonstrated with Layla how her Raptor vest is utilized when she is used to repel from an aircraft; he also showed how each animal is equipped with different gear depending on their specific service. Mr. Torres also passed around some of the equipment commonly used in searches. The consumers were also given an opportunity to have a meet-and-greet with the dogs after the presentation!

Afterwards, Torres introduced the consumers to a very special guest, who has benefited from the services provided by him and his team. Mr. Carlos Montoya, along with his dog "Blue", shared his story: he is utilizing a service dog to assist him in helping him cope with his post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), a condition with which he was diagnosed after he served several tours of duty in Iraq. Although he was prescribed medication, he decided to seek an alternative for himself—and found it in the aid and companionship of a service animal.



Top: Tiny (Therapy), Stephen Torres (Senior Master Trainer), Titan (Military/SAR), Jared Lathem (Trainer/Utility Handler), Kane (SAR), Robert Kato (Kennel Foreman/Trainer), Layla (SAR)

Bottom: Carlos Montoya (ASD Client), Blue (PTSD), Erica Leach (Trainer/Utility Handler), Zaden (PTSD), Robert Garcia (Trainer/Service handler), Linus (Allergy Alert), Alyssa Torres (Administrator/not pictured)



Gallery: Legislative Trip to Santa Fe

It's that time again, when concerned citizens of New Mexico can visit Santa Fe and lobby their legislators to support legislation that addresses issues of the most concern to their constituencies. As usual, Tresco was well-represented, with a group of eleven consumers and seven employees who brought both gifts and a request to support legislation that will restore funding to support our consumers. The consumers were enthusiastic—not just to be a part of the process, but also to have the opportunity to advocate for their own needs and concerns. Apart from the legislative session (and despite the area's recent snowfall), the consumers and staff enjoyed good food and company while in and around Santa Fe!





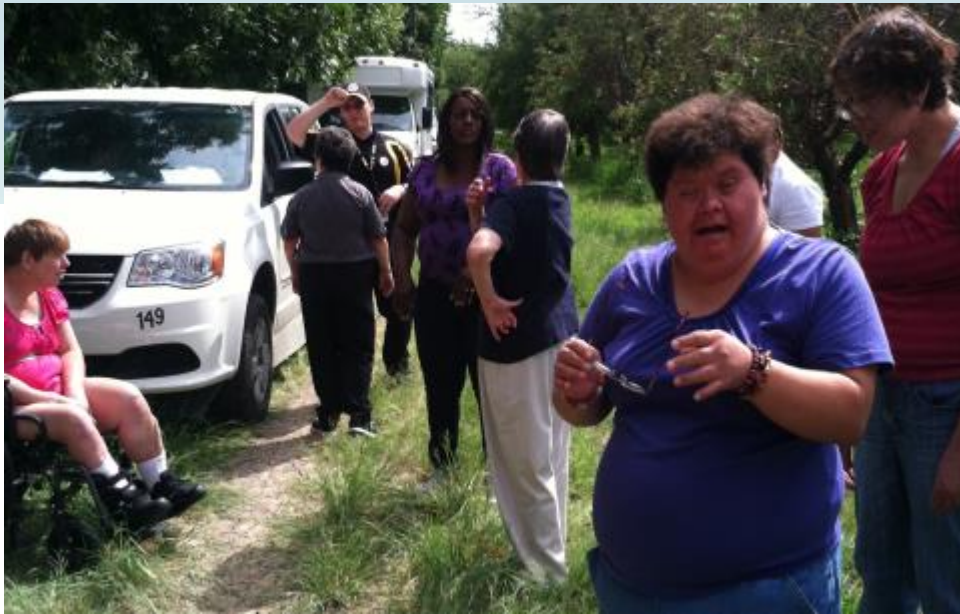
Critter Connection

In December, Tresco consumers were once again privileged to have Jean Gilbert, the Education Director from the Humane Society of Southern New Mexico, bring some therapy dogs for their enjoyment. The dogs were special, in that they work with persons with mental challenges and have a very calming effect on their owner (as well as becoming a good friend and part of their family!). Jean has also presented various types of cats, reptiles and even ferrets for Tresco consumers to pet and hold. A very important part of each presentation is teaching our consumers and staff the many responsibilities that come along with being a pet owner, such as cost, time, spaying/neutering, and overall awareness of a pet's health and well-being.



▲ Thank you, Arnold Brothers and Staff!

Tresco consumers, staff and management are sincerely grateful to the Arnold brothers of Fairacres for the wonderful and unique experience that they have provided to for our consumers the last three years. Carmen, the “Apple Lady”, allowed us the opportunity to go pick apples on the large orchard located in Fairacres. The orchard is managed by the Arnold brothers, who specialize in pecans but also manage the apple orchard. The Arnolds have been in business since 1981, and are one of the leading pecan growers in the county. Thank you for such a unique experience!



▲ Las Cruces Styx Concert

The band Styx hit Las Cruces on January 15th, and our consumers weren't going to miss the opportunity to see them! Accompanied by staff, everyone enjoyed the night of music together. Great times were had by all at the show, which the consumers called “awesome” and “really fun”!



Gallery: Tresco Celebrates the Holidays!

On Friday, December 20, Tresco hosted a festive holiday party attended by more than five hundred employees, consumers, and guests at the Las Cruces Convention Center. With a traditional holiday feast, dancing to DJ Jose Solis, magic tricks by Jamie O'Hare, and fun pictures with Wild World Photo, the night was packed with fun! Tresco's Health and Wellness Committee held their second annual "re-gifting" silent auction to benefit activities promoting healthy lifestyles for our employees and consumers. The evening finale was a balloon drop with prize money!



▲ Tresco is the Nonprofit of the Year!

Tresco, Inc. received the Greater Las Cruces Chamber of Commerce 2013 Nonprofit of the Year award for their innovative programs for children and adults with disabilities, including early intervention, family support, employment, and supported living. President and CEO Pam Lillibridge accepted the award on behalf of the Board of Directors, Leadership Team, staff and consumers from Leslie Cervantes, Chairperson, and Bill Allen, CEO of the Chamber at their annual gala, held January 17, 2014.



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