

SHIFTING SANDS®

WELCOME!!! LET'S GO FOR A RIDE





Seven at-risk teenage girls, accompained by an all female desert rally team, **DAMES DES DUNES-D3**, caravan into the vast horizons of the Tunisian desert to participate in a week long desert rally challenge.

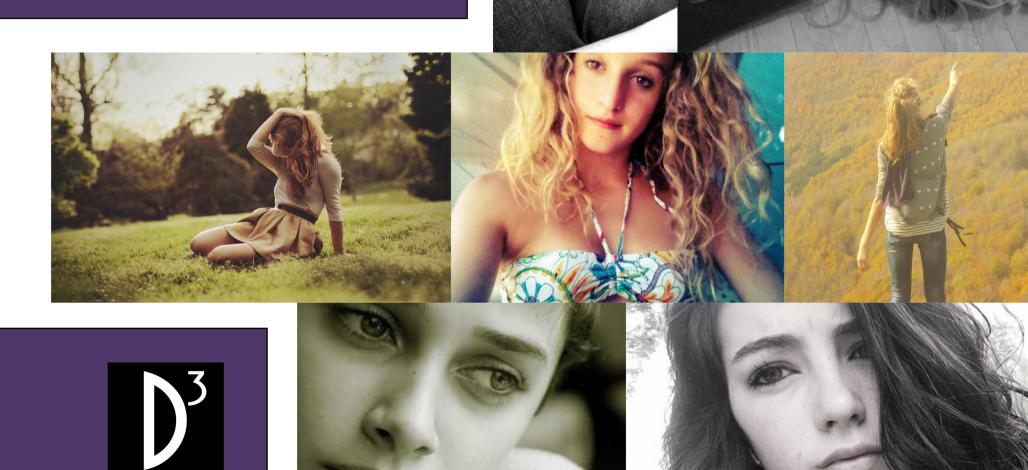








The teens all share a common track loss of a family member or friend. Grief. There isn't a good time to have a loved one die but adolescence may be the toughest.





The path of grieving is an individual one and often lonely,





Recovery is found through driving on the road to healing.









It's a long road to recovery, over 1200 kms of dunes, unpaved routes and challenge points.





The teens experience fundamental survival skills, practive self-care, self-confidence, self-esteem and team work.



The program is called SHIFTING SANDS[©]. It's a new form of grief therapy offering teens an opportunity to discover individual strengths skills and new possibilities to cope with the loss of a loved one, while having a week long, wild desert ride.



Teen do not have the capacity to express themselves through words. Non verbal activities involving unique physical, mind and body connections can help reduce emotional stress arising from grief.





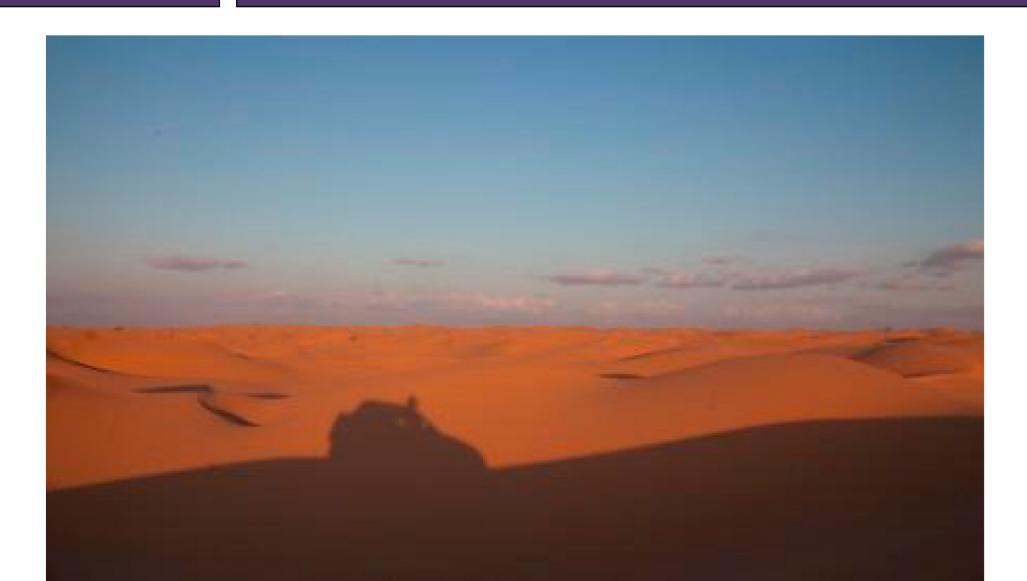






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The magical sandscapes and exotic surroundings, diverts reality. Worries and emotions cannot be entertained while operating a manual gearbox or navigating land with no limits.





Wide open spaces stimulate thoughts.



In today's fast-paced society there is little time, space or support available for grieving teens. Away from the pressures of home, school and social networking, the teens examine choices and focus on positive decision making and bereavement issues with no limits to time and space.

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The desert provides an "oasis" or safe place where sharing and exploring overwheliming tragedies developes a bond, empowers teens with confidence, allowing them to move forward with life and resolve incomplete mourning issues.







In 2014, DAMES DES DUNES-D3 founders, Cristina Montepilli and Cindy R. Wirth were named Ambassadors of Humanity Causes for the BAMBINI NEL DESERTO ORGANIZATION®.



Aristotle once said, "For the things we have to learn before we can do them, we learn by doing them". During the desert rally challange, the D3 team visits schools supported by BAMBINI NEL DESERTO ORGANIZATION. Scholastic supplies and clothing are hand delivered by the D3 team and appointed members of the BAMBINI NEL DESERTO ORGANIZATION.





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PIT STOPS FOR PHILANTHOPY®,

teaches the teens to give throught experimental learning. The lessons fuel emotional energy and strengthens the teens with a sense of purpose.







During the deserts rally challange the D3 team will also host the premier of CINEMA UNDER THE TUNISIAN STARS during the desert rally challange.

Tunisian Cinemà du Desert is hosted by **ONG BAMBINI NEL DESERTO**®







CINEMA UNDER THE TUNISIAN STARS brings the big screen to the desert.



A D3 cargo vehicle equipped with video and projection equipment programmed with cartoons, movies and documentaries, will arrive in Matamata, Tunisia remaining for several months. CINEMA UNDER THE TUNISIAN STARS is a special project funded by the D3 desert rally *sponsors.



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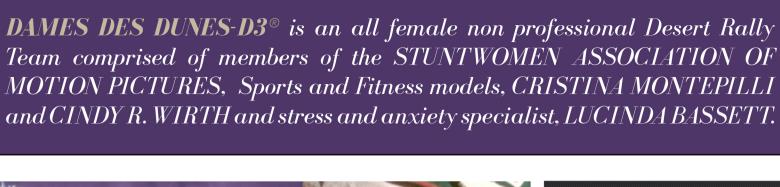
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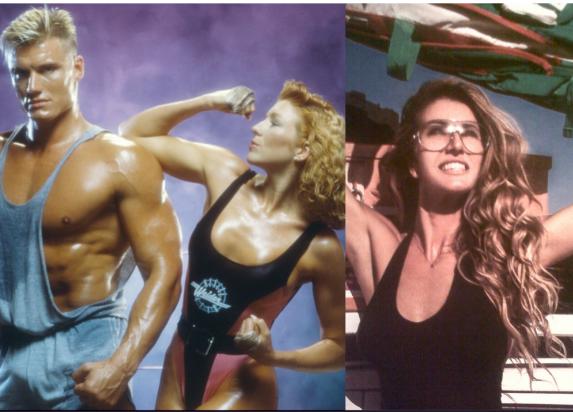


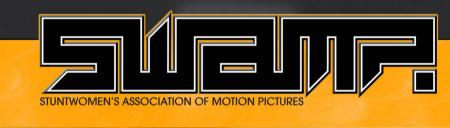


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Team comprised of members of the STUNTWOMEN ASSOCIATION OF









CINDY R. WIRTH

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DAMES DES DUNES-D3® DESERT RALLY CHALLANGE PROGRAM 2015

The D3 desert rally team meets for training at the MITSUBISHI MOTORS 4X4 DRIVING SCHOOL, RENAISSANCE® TUSCANY, IL CIOCCO RESORT AND SPA® on March 3, 2015.







Immediately following an extensive training camp, the D3 team and teens meet in Genoa, Italy, March 8, 2015.





From the Port of Genoa, they board a Tunisian Ferry, cross the Mediterrean Sea, landing in the Port of Tunis 24hrs later to begin a journey of a lifetime.



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