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Village SPIRIT

e-newsletter



Michael & Shawn

Volunteer
Appreciation
Reception
April 17

Volunteers are invited to join us for a special recognition event.

[RSVP](#) for details.

April Calendar

6 Passover begins at sundown

8 Easter

12 [Disability Services](#)

[Town Hall Meeting](#),

Coalition of Service Providers, 6 to 7:30 p.m., 5350 Machado Road, Culver City

17 Volunteer

Appreciation Reception

22 Earth Day

Giving

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New Valley Village photos on facebook

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Dear Friend,

We hope you're enjoying this spring, from the sunny days with flowers in bloom, to the April showers that bring much-needed water. Our clients are planting their gardens and enjoying the outdoors, especially their trips to the parks, nature areas and the Cherry Blossom Festival. You're welcome to join us in celebrating life. Just call (818) 587-9450, ext. 131.

BIG PLANS FOR VALLEY VILLAGE SHOWTIME!



Boutique shopping at Showtime!

**The Annual Event
Is June 23**

Our committee is planning a spectacular [Valley Village Showtime!](#) for Saturday, June 23. It's the one time of year that Valley Village supporters get together to have a good time, sip

champagne, socialize, shop and laugh. It's all for a great cause - our clients, adults with developmental challenges. In addition to lively entertainment and gourmet cuisine, Showtime! provides a unique shopping experience at our



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exclusive boutiques. Here you can find those one-of-a-kind items you can't find anywhere else. We will also offer more items - from upscale home décor to fabulous entertainment and travel packages -- in the silent auction. What will tickle

VALLEY VILLAGE Showtime!



your fancy?

We will once again be at the Sheraton Universal, filling the garden and ballroom. Mark your calendars now, and look for your invitations in May.

Showtime! raises funds to provide services that our normal funding doesn't cover. With our state budget being cut, we need to raise additional funds more than ever. If you would like to help our clients even more, consider becoming a [sponsor](#) or [donating products](#) or services for the fundraising auction and opportunity drawings. Please contact Jenny Daniels Freese at (818) 587-9480, or by email at showtime@valleyvillage.org. You couldn't find a better cause.

GREAT TURNOUT AT GRIFFITH OBSERVATORY ON MARCH 3



Corbin House residents and staff give the day a thumbs up.

Meteorites & Moonrocks Are a Hit

Nearly 250 developmentally challenged people, along with staff and some 50 volunteers, visited the Griffith Observatory on Saturday, March 3, for a Community-

at-Large Day sponsored by Valley Village and partner agencies. After touring the world-famous [Observatory](#), touching a moonrock, holding a meteorite, and weighing themselves on Jupiter and other planets, the large group gathered on the lawn in front of the observatory for a relaxing picnic lunch.

It was a remarkable day, made even more so by the accessibility and hospitality of the Observatory. "We appreciate everything the Griffith Observatory staff did to make our group feel welcome and be able to access the exhibits," said Caitlind Alexander, who organized the event for Valley Village and its partner agencies -- New Horizons,

TLC and the Child Development Institute.

"We want to say a big thank you to all our volunteers, who gave one-on-one attention to many of our clients, as well as helping with registration, the picnic and the clean-up," said Jo Ellen Krumm, volunteer coordinator at Valley Village. "Our clients can't stop talking about their wonderful 'new friends.' We were thrilled to have such a turnout from the community, including groups from Best Buy, the Youth One Source, and the UCLA Indian Student Union. Many staff members also volunteered their weekend time. Everyone was helpful and cheerful and made the day special for our clients."

Some funding for transportation came from a New Freedom grant. For information, visit the website, www.valleyvillage.org, or call (818) 587-9450.

THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS BENEFACTORS

Grant News

Valley Village recently received grants from four foundations. The [Weingart Foundation](#) awarded us \$200,000, and the [Ahmanson Foundation](#) \$75,000. The Thomas and Dorothy Levey Foundation gave us \$10,000, and the Crane Fund for Widows and Orphans provided \$1,000.

The funds will be put to good use for programs and services for our clients. We thank the foundations for their generosity.



Julie and Terri

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

--Margaret Mead, anthropologist

Every time you [give](#) through Valley Village, you're supporting 400 men and women with developmental challenges. Thank you.

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