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Dear Friend,

We are enjoying summer through outings and very special projects. Volunteers and fantastic staff are making this possible. Read more to find out how you can become involved, too.

EMBLEM CLUB ICE CREAM SOCIAL



Our hosts, the Emblem Club

and our fabulous staff that care for them. The ladies from the **Emblem Club** treated everyone to ice cream and punch and a dj spun tunes from 11:30 until 1:30, nonstop. Everyone danced and had a great time. Thank you Emblem Club for such a nice event!

The Canoga Park Elks Lodge Emblem Club

Our friends at the **Lodge** hosted another ice cream social for our our residents on July 21. There were about 150 people in attendance including the men and women we serve





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The Elks and the women's axillary group, the Emblem Club, have held other events for our residents and Saturday program attendees, too. The Canoga Park Elks are well known throughout the community for their dedication and devotion to their neighbors and Valley Village is certainly lucky to be counted among them.

Pausing just long enough for a picture.

LOOK AT THOSE VEGETABLES!

Clients from the Ceramics & Arts class learned to cultivate and grow vegetables

Our Ceramics & Arts teacher, Susan is a fantastic gardener and

this year she and her class really took on the Valley Village garden. Susan told us that the garden was in a real state of disrepair when they started a few months ago. They had to repair some of the beds, dig out weeds, and add dirt. Then, though, the clients got to start adding seeds. And that was so much fun!



Enormous ears of corn and hand-painted row signs

Susan said that the clients from her class at the **Adult Day Program** had so much fun watching their seeds begin to grow. They would go water them, want to go see how they were doing. They painted signs for the plants, so visitors, and they, would know which plants were in which bed.



A well-deserved break

When harvest time came, everyone was amazed. Not only were the plants healthy and beautiful, but so big! The **Ceramics & Arts** class harvested all kinds of plants, and they still have more veggies growing that haven't finished their season yet.



Zucchini, eggplant, tomato, okra, lemon balm, so many things to eat!

The first harvest finished with a great big party - Susan cooked food using the fresh veggies, herbs and spices from the garden for everyone in the building. Meals were sold for \$8 per person to help raise more money for the class to do more things. The food was delicious! Susan and the class hope to do the same again when the next harvest is ready.

WORLD FAMOUS VOLUNTEER

Right here at Valley Village!

And it is probably you, too! Thank you for sharing your time, talents and treasures with the nearly 400 men and women we serve here at Valley Village.

We are always welcoming new and returning volunteers. You may [download our volunteer application here](#). Please call our Development Office at (818) 587-9450 x120 for more information.

Volunteers are instrumental for field trips and outings, helping in classrooms, special events, and other special projects.

Our next general orientation is Thursday, August 23, between 1:30 - 3:30 pm. RSVP to (818) 587-9450 x120, or email info@valleyvillage.org.

CONCERTS IN THE PARK



This Sunday, Warner Center Park

Valley Cultural Center invited Valley Village to participate as a Community Partner this year in their Concerts in the Park. On Sunday, Valley Village will have a chance to speak before the concert and we'll have a booth throughout the event, too! If you're at the park, stop by and say hello. The concert begins at 6:00 pm.

"I love volunteering for the Showtime event because not only is it in support of Valley Village and its great mission, but also because it is tons of fun. All the volunteers are great and we have a great time as a team helping all the attendees buy raffle tickets and get involved in the auction. Also, as we are working we get to enjoy the wonderful talent gathered on stage to make Showtime a must attend event."

Max Haghghi, RHU, 7/23/12

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

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Sincerely,

Your Friends at Valley Village