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## VALLEY VILLAGE'S ADVENTURES

In January of this year, **The Ahmanson Foundation** graciously funded Valley Village \$99,000 for client lifts. You might wonder, "What are client lifts?" Client lifts are an essential piece of equipment used to lift and transfer clients safely at a few of our residential homes and our day programs. This grant awarded one particular home a way to take some of the physical load off by using Arjo Huntleigh's **Maxi Sky** and **Maxi Move** lifts. These lifts in particular allow staff to more easily transfer our clients from wheelchairs, beds, or shower chairs. Not only are they much more comfortable for our

clients, but there is a reduction in injuries suffered by our staff. Staff can now carry out these necessary tasks without stress, strain or manual lifting. This makes for a safer environment for our clients and our staff. We are immensely thankful for The Ahmanson Foundation for these lifts, for with them jobs are done more effectively and securely!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Valley Village 2016 Calendar

*March 17*

#### **Total Wine & More Fundraiser**

We will be California Dreaming at our Total Wine & More fundraiser, hosted by the Fund Development Committee. Join us March 17 for delicious wine, wonderful hors d'oeuvres and even better company. Seats are limited, but we would love to see you there! \$35 per person

[Purchase Ticket](#)

*April 16*

#### **Community At Large**

Hang out with our clients for a discovery day at the California Science Center. Our clients will enjoy a tour of the Space Endeavor, while having the opportunity to meet new people, like you!

[Learn More](#)

*June 11*

#### **Showtime!**

Save the Date for the San Fernando Valley's greatest show on earth. Come for the comedy, come earlier for the boutique shopping and garden party. We are thrilled to have **Sunda Croonquist** back this year, as well as introduce **James Harris** and **Eric Schwartz!!**

[Learn More](#)

*October 16*

#### **Village Run/Walk**

Run, walk, skip, roll, the choice is up to you! We would love to see you there. We look forward to another fun filled day at our 5K and family festival. Keep an eye out for more information about this fun event.

[Learn More](#)

## CREATIVE CLIENTS

Valley Village's art programs are pivotal to our clients' skills training through motor exercises and as a therapeutic technique, because art in itself is a

relaxing activity. Clients involved in the ceramic department are also able to advance their social skills by going out into the community once a week. Our ceramics department works towards therapy and fun while creating incredible ceramic art pieces that are functional and beautiful. Though we receive funding for a large portion of the program through various grants and donations, the ceramic department is able to fund a small part of itself through client made ceramic sales. These sales happen at many Valley Village events working to spreading awareness of our programs, bringing artwork into peoples' lives, and allowing Valley Village to keep a vital part of its **Day Programs** alive!



Valley Village's ceramics are available all year round with new pieces all the time, and ceramics are also customizable. They can make great gifts, and décor. To find out more about our ceramic department and products contact us through [info@valleyvillage.org](mailto:info@valleyvillage.org), or call the Development Office at  [\(818\) 587-9450 ext. 120](tel:(818)587-9450).

## GALLERY

### AN ENDEAVOR TO REMEMBER

Community at Large is a fun event for our clients twice a year where they get to go out and about in the community with other organizations in the Los Angeles county. Our clients have the opportunity to meet new people and explore new places with their new friends.

In the past Community at Large has been a scavenger hunt at the Getty or Getty Villa, or perhaps a tour of Griffith Park Observatory. And each time, our clients have the time of their lives. On April 16, we are adventuring to the **California Science Center**. Here, our clients will have the opportunity to tour the Endeavor, as well as the other permanent exhibits at the museum. We love these outings because we love seeing the amazed and enthusiastic looks on each of our clients faces. We also love getting to know our clients a little bit better based off of which exhibit excites them



Gladstone at the Science Center

the most.

How can you help with this incredible experience? You can sign up to **volunteer** and be a part of the action. OR, because parking is costly, you can become a **Parking Sponsor!** We will make sure to include your name and/or Company name in our newsletters, advertising material, press release, and social media blasts.

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