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# Village SPIRIT

## e-newsletter



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- 16 New Volunteer Orientation  
4-6pm, Fred Chapa Campus
- 21 Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
Day Programs & Office Closed

### Giving

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Happy New Year!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Fun Ongoing Weekend and Weekday Positions

Valley Village is looking for volunteers who can donate a few hours weekdays or Saturdays to join our clients on field trips to the beach, museums, malls, parks, and more. Volunteers are also needed for our gardening program to help clients be closer to nature. Volunteers will help push a wheelchair and be someone that enriches the experience.



Volunteers at Community-at-Large Day in October

If you need to complete volunteers hours or just want to get out and get involved in your community, contact our [Volunteer Coordinator](#), Jo Ellen! Our clients have wonderful memories of these outings -- and you will too.

Our next New Volunteer Orientation is Wednesday, January 16, 4-6 pm at 20830 Sherman Way, on our Fred Chapa Campus in Winnetka. [RSVP here](#) to attend!

## MEET AMIT



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## A Great Guy, Smart and Charming

Amit (pronounced ahmeet) has been a regular at Valley Village since 2000. He started at our Sunland Program and moved over to our Winnetka ADHC on "Tuesday, November 18, 2002" he says, smiling. Amit is a whiz at numbers. He spends a good amount of time practicing math and numbers. One of his specialties is being able to guess the date that you were born on, or which day of the week your birthday will fall on this year. Amit loves coming to the Winnetka ADHC. He likes the other clients and the friends he's made here. They talk and play games together. And he really enjoys the outings; his favorites are visiting the mall and going to the movies.



Amit

Amit speaks eight languages, at least. He has a quick wit and easily jokes back and forth with the staff.

Amit is really active. He works with social work groups, signs in karaoke, he mentors other ADHC participants, paints, and loves to bowl and play basketball with assistance. He's a huge Lakers fan. With his birthday-guessing skill, he reminds staff when someone's birthday is coming up. Amit used to be on tv. He was on the Jerry Lewis show for muscular dystrophy. I can see why he's so popular.



Amit with his computer

Amit is very smart and he loves to help others. He does a lot of work on the computers. He has really good memories of his first day at Winnetka ADHC. He said he had fun and that the staff were really nice. He likes to visit with people. Maybe someday you can meet Amit and have your birthdate told to you in French...or Polish...or Japanese...or...

## GIVING TO VALLEY VILLAGE

### How Your Contributions are Used to Fund

## Programs at Valley Village

Through donations and grants, we are able to provide a better quality of life for 400 men and women throughout the San Fernando Valley. While Valley Village receives funding resources through the [state, they cover only basic programming](#).



Music Class

There are many things we would not be able to do for our clients without the help of our supporters. Things that we take for granted mean so much and make life-changing differences to our clients. Your dollars help fund extra dental visits, podiatry visits, gardening programs, a [music program](#) that serves all of our day programs, a [photography program](#) that also includes all day programs, ceramics and art classes that also travel, cooking clubs, outings into the community, cultural events and socialization, and so much more.

Whatever strikes your heart, there is a match for you here! From fire sprinklers to worm casings for the gardens, ceramics molds and maracas to new dentures to someone who really needs them. It's all here at Valley Village!

For more information, [contact Jenny](#), our Development Director.

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"Another fresh new year is here . . .  
Another year to live!  
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,  
To love and laugh and give!"  
- *William Arthur Ward*

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

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