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Dear Friend,

June was a great month at Valley Village, and July is sure to be even more exciting! [Showtime!](#) supporters raised over \$90,000 for our residential and day programs, including a special event for all of our clients. We can't [thank you](#) enough!

SHOWTIME! A BIG HIT!



Showtime! host George Pennacchio and Councilman Dennis Zine

[Comedian Jim Tavaré](#) Kept the Audience Laughing, [George Pennacchio](#) Entertained Crowd

On June 23, over 300 guests were treated to an event like no other, courtesy of [George Pennacchio](#), [Councilman Dennis P. Zine](#), [Jim Tavaré](#), past Valley Village

President Marc Weisel, and the [West 79th Street Funk Jazz Band](#).

The Sheraton Universal Hotel hosted [Valley Village's Showtime!](#) for the sixth year in a row. The event is being praised as the best fundraising event in the Valley, thanks to a comedy show rather than awards and speeches. Friend of Valley Village, [Bob Saget](#), who was unable to host the event this year due to conflicts, helped design Showtime! over ten years ago. It has become one of the hottest tickets in the San



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Comedian Jim Tavaré

Fernando Valley ever since. This was Jim Tavaré's second year performing at Showtime!, an honor since he's the first comedian to ever perform more than once for the event. Jim is a renowned comedian and donated his time for the event. Jim was recommended by the **Laugh Factory**, whose owner, Jamie Masada, works closely with Bob Saget each year to

find the perfect comedian for Showtime!.

This year, the event has raised over \$90,000 for Valley Village's celebrated programs. You can **download our wallet-sized card** with supporters and contributors here.

Valley Village serves some 400 men and women with intellectual and developmental challenges through 17 homes and three day programs. The money raised is a real boost to the organization since the state of California has cut funding to developmental disability services throughout the state.

ONLINE AUCTION A SUCCESS

Supporters from all over the country participated

This year Showtime! introduced an online auction that ran from June 7 - June 21. People from all over the country were able to bid on over 150 items that were posted at biddingforgood.com/valleyvillage. The auction raised nearly \$5,000 before Showtime!'s annual luncheon and garden party even opened on June 23.



"The online auction was a great success," said Jenny Daniels Freese, Valley Village's Director of Development and Marketing. "We were able to raise money before the event, involve people who were new to Valley Village, and supplement Showtime's revenue."



Valley Village plans to hold other online auctions throughout the year.

VOLUNTEERING AT VALLEY VILLAGE



Super volunteers: Dolores, Kitty and Marla

We love our volunteers

Over 50 volunteers helped with Showtime! and the event could not have happened without their hard work and support. "What a wonderful event and a fun day! It's a rewarding experience; everyone has a great time and it's such a

worthwhile cause," raved Cheryl Kobashigawa, a regular volunteer at Valley Village. "I'm glad to be part of Showtime!"

Valley Village has more volunteers and [volunteer opportunities](#), too.

Year-long volunteers help every day by going on field trips with clients, helping with recreational activities, and creating a book that will detail places to go that are developmentally-disabled friendly. Some volunteers have loved their work so much that they've actually applied and become full time staff at Valley Village. Working with the developmentally disabled is very rewarding, and fun, too.

Want to join the Valley Village volunteer crew? You can [download our application here](#), or call (818) 587-9450 x120 to set up an appointment to get started. Our next volunteer orientation sessions will be held on July 12 from 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm and July 18 from 9:00 am - 11:00 am.

"Be the change you wish to see in the world."

-Gandhi

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

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