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Did you know that Valley Village is know throughout California and even around the United States? Many other agencies and families look to Valley Village's expert program directors for support and guidance on many issues.

There are lots of things going on this month - Valley Village is everywhere!

## **SPRING TO SUCCESS**

### **Winning Strategies for Women in Business**

Spring is almost here, and with it comes the opportunity for growth and progress!

Local business leaders [Heidi Mankoff](#) and [Shannah Compton](#) invite you to attend the first-ever workshop designed to inspire, educate and empower women to exceed your business goals.



The high-powered workshop is just \$40, **proceeds go to Valley Village** and Safe Passage.

The workshop is March 25 at Bloomindale's, Sherman Oaks. Register for the convening by [clicking here](#).

## **TEXAS HOLD'EM TOURNAMENT**

### April 16th, \$100 to play

Bring your poker buddies and support the Valley Village Foundation by playing in the **Foundation's Poker Tournament on Friday, April 16th.**



Entry fee is \$100 and everyone gets a second chance with \$25 unlimited buy-ins for the first hour. Non-playing guests pay just \$25. **RSVPs must be received by April 13th.**

Poker Boot Camp begins at 5:30, followed by Poker and the party at 6:30 pm.

The tournament will be held at Valley Village's Adult Day Health Center at 20835 Sherman Way, Winnetka.

Tourney prizes include the title "**2010 Valley Village Poker Champion**," a weekend at the Atlantis Hotel, seat at a local card club tournament, flat screen tv, or two tickets to *Showtime!* on June 26.

Call 818-587-9450 x120 or [email us](#) for information and to register.

Volunteers and raffle item donations are also needed, please let us know if you would like to help.

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## SPECIAL THANKS TO US BANK

### Legacy Group Brunch Sponsored by US Bank

With the support of US Bank, the **Valley Village Foundation** Board of Directors along with **Councilman Dennis P. Zine** (honorary director of the Foundation), families, friends, and community leaders gathered for the **3rd annual Legacy**



**Group Brunch.** The brunch was held on Sunday, February 28 at Westlake Village Inn. Dr. Harriet Aronow from Cedar Sinai spoke about aging in the disabled population. **Thank you US Bank.**

**What is the Legacy Group?** It's an association of people

who have named Valley Village or the Valley Village Foundation in their estate. It's **a simple way to help people with developmental disabilities** through the Valley Village Foundation. The society has more than 40 unique members and grows each year. If you'd like to become a Legacy Group member, or have questions about how you can help Valley Village through a bequest, [send an email](#) to our planned giving coordinator, or call us (818-587-9450 ext. 120) and we'll connect you.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR SHOWTIME!



### Annual Comedy Luncheon

Join us for another fabulous afternoon of shopping, mingling and most importantly, laughing with **Bob Saget and a guest comedian** on **Saturday, June 26, 2010** at the Sheraton Universal Hotel. The event begins at 10 am and ends at 2pm.

Invitations will be mailed later in April and tickets can be purchased them. If you'd like to [pre-purchase a ticket](#), they are just \$85. Reserve your table now!

Sponsoring the event is a great way to **support people with Down Syndrome, autism spectrum disorders, and other developmental disabilities** served through Valley Village. Here is a [list of opportunities](#).

Winter is nearly over. The best is yet to come!

**Sincerely,**

Your Friends at Valley Village

**How you  
can help  
now**

Can you help us by donating an item or a gift certificate for our June fundraiser? It seems far away now, but it sweeps in quickly! The items and gift cards are used in our Live Auction and in opportunity drawings. Your donation is also tax deductible.

Thank you!

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