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OUR MISSION IS TO PROTECT, FOSTER, DEVELOP AND ADVANCE THE RIGHTS AND INTERESTS OF PEOPLE WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

SHOWTIME! 2010 A Great Success

On June 26th, 350 community members, families and guests gathered at the Sheraton Universal Hotel for our annual fundraiser, Showtime!. Our luncheon is a longstanding tradition. With roots in backyard barbecues, the congregation of friends to celebrate and raise money for Valley Village is special.

Guests raised over \$50,000 for Valley Village programs during Showtime!. During the live auction, led by Los Angeles Councilman Dennis P. Zine, audience members contributed directly to a special upcoming event for clients to see a private showing of the musical, Beauty and the Beast.

"I've been hosting this event for ten years and I can't imagine not doing it," said Bob Saget, Showtime!'s emcee. "I'd do anything for Valley Village, they're such a great organization."

Larry Cohen, from Bel-Air Exteriors, loves Showtime! and says "It's not a fundraiser – it's a fun-raiser!" He adds "It's the only event of its type that truly is fun."

Showtime! is an event that encourages community members, friends, and business representatives to share stories, enjoy the beautiful garden party, mingle, and enjoy a private comedy revue. Jim Tavaré, a very talented and funny comedian, performed just for Valley Village guests.

Showtime! is a celebration of the men and women that Valley Village serves. The fundraiser offers an opportunity for guests to learn about and participate in Valley Village, to raise money for programs to support people with Down syndrome, autism, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, and other developmental disabilities.

Valley Village is thrilled to have the support of so many friends, families and community members. In this edition of the newsletter

are lists of the people and companies that contributed, volunteered, donated and produced our 2010 Showtime! event. I hope that you'll say hello when you next visit their business.



Board of Directors President's Message



KITTY COOPER
President

What a joy the cooler than normal Valley temperatures have been this summer. The mild weather was a real plus for Showtime! This year's event was extraordinary. In spite of the chilling effect the state of the economy had on attendance and sponsorships, Showtime! was a success. With significant funds raised.

The Garden Party was a treat with happy people milling about, enjoying "the bubbly," listening to wonderful music, shopping the boutiques, putting drawing tickets into boxes for their favorite baskets, renewing acquaintances and making new friends. The food was great, and our dear Bob Saget was superb as emcee. He once again brought us a terrific comedian, Jim Tavaré. Councilman Dennis P. Zine, with Bob's help again was our auctioneer extraordinaire. Already, planning has begun for Showtime! 2011.

Mark your calendars for the last Saturday in June of 2011!

On a broader front, our Board of Directors is working diligently to ensure that Valley Village remains strong and continues to provide the excellent, forward thinking services for which we are known. One of the greatest challenges we and other nonprofits are experiencing is finding "the next generation" of leaders. This means finding enthusiastic, energetic individuals committed to our goals and mission, regardless of chronological age. Although our intent is to increase the number of members on the Board of Directors, we want to increase participation on our Board Committees as a way of getting people to learn more about the organization, and for the Board and administrators to get to know them.

Are you a family member (parent, sibling, cousin) or friend of a Valley Village client; a professional or community member with an interest in furthering our mission? Are you a recent (or not so recent) retiree who is looking for a fun, worthwhile outlet for your many creative and intellectual

skills? If so, or if you aren't sure and just want to learn more, please contact our Development Director, Jenny Daniels Freese, at info@valleyvillage.org about the possibilities. If you wish to talk to me about this, ask Jenny for my phone number.

I look forward to hearing from you. Enjoy the rest of the summer.



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Valley Village Day Programs Have Received Several Grants

The Valley Village day programs have received several grants recently to help enhance services for our clients. The Lawrence P. Frank Foundation awarded funding to Valley Village for purchasing sensory chairs for the ADC and ADHC programs. The chairs are very versatile and are being used in the sensory rooms, the sports class, the music class and the activity rooms. The day programs also received grant money from The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation to purchase adaptive computer equipment for the client computer rooms. This grant money will allow the purchase of special switches for use by people who are physically challenged, allowing more clients to participate in our computer classes.

We were also awarded a grant from Kaiser Foundation Hospitals for computerized medical records. This grant will assist the adult day health centers in minimizing the time it takes to complete the enormous amount of required paperwork, allowing more time for client services and interaction.

News Highlight

Recently Valley Village has received several nods from the San Fernando Valley Business Journal. Valley Village won the prestigious honor of being the 6th largest nonprofit in the Valley in terms of assets and also won the Best Place to Work award. Executive Director Debra Donovan was nominated for two awards: Woman in Business and Nonprofit Executive. Controller Phillip Motherspaw was twice nominated for CFO of the Year. Director of Development Jenny Daniels Freese was an honoree at the 40 Under 40 event, and received an honor from the California Jaycees. Human Resources Manager Crystal Barraza was nominated for the Human Resources Professional award. **Way to go!**

Foundation Grants awarded between July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

California Community Foundation
Capacity Building Grant
\$100,000

Carl E Wynn Foundation
Computers and Adaptive Equipment
\$1,000

Lawrence P Frank Foundation
Therapy Chairs
\$1,000

California Department of Transportation
5310 Grant
Capital grant of three new vehicles
\$146,048

City of Los Angeles Proposition K Funds
Maintenance towards Sunland ADHC facility
\$17,045

Kaiser Foundation Hospitals
Technology grant to migrate medical records to electronic records
\$10,000

The Fanny and Svante Knistrom Foundation
Capital grant to construct a sun shade on the patio of the Sunland ADHC facility
\$10,000

The Thomas and Dorothy Leavey Foundation
Adaptive equipment, monitors, computers
\$15,000

Weingart Foundation, TCC Group
Capacity Building: TCC Group's online Core Capacity Assessment Tool (CCAT)
\$1,000

Weingart Foundation
General Operating Support
\$1,000

Valley Village Beginnings

With the opening of the three; East Valley, West Valley and Diane Leichman schools parents turned their concerns toward what was ahead for their adult/children after school, at age 22. It became apparent to parents there were few opportunities in continuing education, self-help, skill training or alternative housing. Beyond the family home was institutional care. There were some sheltered workshops and self-help classes, and other organizations were working to provide daily programs, but at that time, NO ONE had a satisfactory alternative to living in an institution.

The same parents, now joined by many more, held the vision that much more needed to be done. The vision to build a Village began soon after schools had been established in 1971.

Next Edition: The Road to the Village

Valley Village's Royal Family of Volunteers



Erma Bombeck an American Humorist, described the Royal Family of Volunteers: "This Royal Family cannot be compared to your average Royal Family that gets to enjoy perks like yachts, box seats, parades and state dinners. To be part of the Royal Family of Volunteers you cannot just be born into it, you must earn your way through the ranks with long hours, tired sandwiches, and cold coffee."

Valley Village's Royal Family of Volunteers includes people like the members of the Board of Directors, committee members, and community supporters. In this issue, we would like to recognize a volunteer who is fairly new to Valley Village's Royal Family, and this special volunteer is Joanna Carcamo. For the past year, she has donated all of her free time, when she's not going to school full-time and working part-time, to Valley Village, helping out wherever she may be needed. Her incredible energy, dedication and commitment is truly inspirational and the world can use more young adults like Joanna.

Like Erma Bombeck wrote: How do volunteers know they're royalty? It's the crown jewels that give you away, that sparking tiara of smiles you have given and tears you have shared, and the rich legacy of caring.

Thank you Joanna for being our gem!

Our Other Royal Gems

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If you would like to be a part of the Royal Family please email us at: info@valleyvillage.org

Thank You For Your Support

Valley Village is proud to have the support of such lovely sponsors as Bank of the West, Hamer Toyota and Mrs. Marion Letsch. For Showtime!, our sponsors raised nearly \$30,000 to offset the cost of the event. Other friends of Valley Village's Showtime! event are: The Bushong Family, J H Cohn, Kitty & Don Cooper, Marla & Steven Kort, Mike's Roofing, Northridge Insurance, US Bank, Sharon Sackin & Marc Weisel, and Barbara & Dwight Wheeler. Thank you for supporting people with developmental challenges through your generous contributions to Valley Village. We are lucky to have you!

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Showtime!

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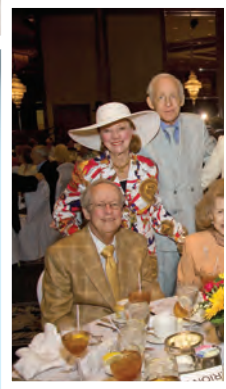
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Snapshots from our 2010 Garden Party



Showtime!

garden Party and Annual Luncheon



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Board of Director’s Member Ron Smith Shares His Thoughts on Valley Village

I was so fortunate to be asked to get involved with Valley Village. Of all of the organizations that I’m involved in, Valley Village is the most rewarding. I see how happy the clients are. No matter what, they always have a smile.

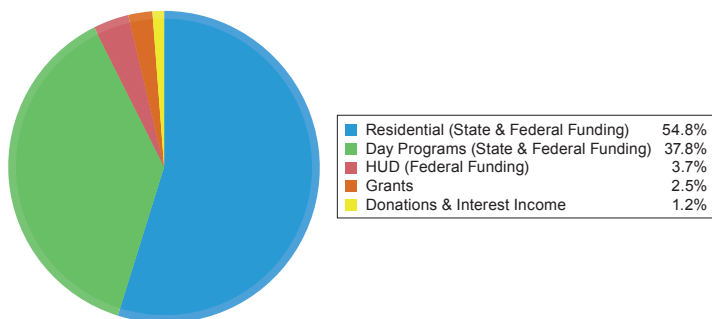
Because we have clients that span different levels of disabilities, Valley Village creates an individualized program plan for each person. Everyone is extremely well taken care of and considered a part of the family. Your involvement in Valley Village can be one on one, too, either interfacing with our wonderful staff, or better yet, doing something with our clients.



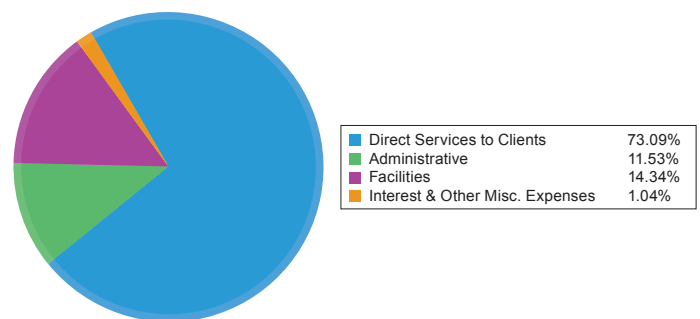
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Valley Village is committed to controlling overhead and administrative costs. The following pie charts show the sources and use of funds that Valley Village receives and spends. For every dollar that Valley Village receives, over eighty-eight cents goes directly to taking care of clients and their houses or day program buildings. These numbers are from fiscal year ending June 30, 2010.

Sources of Income



How Sources Were Used



It Was a Beast of a Luau as We Cruised the Pacific

On Saturday, August 21 our clients from both day and residential programs had the opportunity of a lifetime to enjoy a private performance of Beauty and the Beast at the Glendale Centre Theatre. The play was made possible by our generous donors who helped raise over \$6,000 at Showtime! on June 26, 2010. With the money raised, Valley Village was able to buy out the entire theater just for our 400 clients to attend and experience.

In the last three years our clients have enjoyed trips to the Aquarium of the Pacific, a harbor cruise aboard a Hornblower Yacht and a Hawaiian Luau Party all thanks to the funds raised from our annual luncheon fundraiser Showtime! Without your help these activities would not have been possible for our clients to experience.



Thank You, Valley Village

The Zeitlin family wants to thank you for all the support you gave us during Zakary Zeitlin's final illness. Your cards, your calls, your visits kept him smiling, even laughing, for another day. So many of our Valley Village good people attended his funeral service that our heavy hearts were made lighter. Once again we realize how fortunate we are to have our daughter Clare a part of the Valley Village family. Thank you as well for the generous donations you have made in his name. Bless all of you for the help you are giving us at this difficult time.

**Affectionately,
The Zeitlin Family**

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On February 28th, the Valley Village Foundation hosted a brunch at the Westlake Village Inn for the members of the Legacy Group Members. Dr. Harriet Udin Aronow from Cedars-Sinai gave a presentation on aging in the developmentally disabled population. Dr. Aronow's research focuses on well-aging and the development of a preventative health care model for people aging with disabilities. Her talk was extremely timely and poignant. More than 30 Legacy Group members attended the event.

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SEPTEMBER

Thursday, September 23
Annual Meeting
4:00 pm
20830 Sherman Way
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Sunday, September 26
Celebration of the Life and
Work of Fred Chapa
11:00 am - 2:00 pm
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NOVEMBER

**PROGRAMS WILL BE
CLOSED ON:**
Veterans Day, November 11
Thanksgiving Holiday
November 25 - 26

DECEMBER

**PROGRAMS WILL BE
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Christmas Eve & Day
December 24 - 25
Monday, December 27

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