26th Annual Luncheon to be Held On Saturday, June 24

Over 400 people enjoyed an afternoon of shopping, bidding, smoozing, and entertainment at last year’s 25th Annual Luncheon. This is the time to circle June 24 on your calendar, the date of this year’s Annual Luncheon at the Warner Center Marriott in Woodland Hills. The festivities began at 10:30 with shopping at the Boutique where you will find unique clothing, jewelry, candles, and hand-crafted items. There will also be a silent auction for beautiful gift baskets donated by businesses and Board members of Valley Village and its Foundation.

Comedian Bob Saget, who is best known for his starring role on “Full House” and host of America’s Funniest Home Videos,” will again emcee the luncheon. This year’s celebrity guest will be Dave Coulier, who appeared with Saget on “Full House.” Dave played Joey, a professional comedian and children’s TV host. Dave was recently on “Skating with Celebrities” with professional skater Nancy Kerrigan. There will be an opportunity drawing for a 7-day cruise on Carnival Cruise Line, a Napa Valley holiday at Indian Springs Resort, and a vacation to Hilton’s Waikoloa Village resort on the Big Island of Hawaii.

Los Angeles City Councilmember Dennis P. Zine will be the auctioneer for the live auction. You will have the opportunity to bid on lunch at the Playboy Mansion in Holmby Hills, dining around town, Dodger box seats with parking and a California vacation for the live auction. You will have the opportunity to bid on lunch at the Playboy Mansion in Holmby Hills, dining around town, Dodger box seats with parking and a California vacation (Continued on page six.)
President’s Message

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The result was that the gate was installed within a week of my conversation with Julaine. The point here is that ideas for improvement come from many sources. Having families from all over the Valley Village dream. And so it was when we got together on Febru-
ary 26, 2006 to identify and honor the people who will hereafter be known as “The Charter Members” of The Legacy Group.

A good time was had by all and I know everyone is looking forward to next years event. Please see some of the picture from the Brunch on Page 6. Think about it. If you would like to become a member of this outstanding group it is easy enough to do. Call me at the Valley Village Foundation office (818) 587-9450 x40 or call at home at (661) 254-2900.

The Legacy Group

By Dick Bartus, Planning Coordinator

It was a beautiful Spring day at the Porter Valley Country Club in Northridge when the first ever Legacy Group event was held. This was an idea which was long in the making and one which was accepted and endorsed by a number of people associated with Valley Village.

Members of the Foundation Board have been aware for some time that we had people that had written Valley Village into their Will to receive a gift at some future date. After making a few discreet inquiries it was determined that a number of families had made such designations and it was then decided that they should be recognized as a group. That was the beginning of “THE LEGACY GROUP”.

Funds coming to Valley Village from The Legacy Group will go to the Valley Village Endowment Fund unless otherwise designated and go a long way to ensure the future of the Valley Village dream.

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If you would like to have friends or relatives added to our mailing list to receive The Village Spirit, please contact Susan Basler at (818) 587-9450, ext. 120.

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**After School Program**  
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alley, theme parks, the beach or movies. Or, there may be a barbecue and water activities. There is also at least one activity where all the clients participate to encourage social interaction. “Interaction with other clients is important and helps to build their confidence,” said Alex.

Alex is very encouraged about the positive feedback from parents. Many inform us that they would not be able to keep their jobs without the After School Program. Some clients have been participating for over 10 years.

For information about this program or if you have equipment, such as computers or CD player, please contact Alex at (818) 587-9450, extension 120.

**Legacy Group Brunch**

The After School Program is licensed through the Los Angeles County Department of Social Services. There are nine staff members who work with the children and seven for the adult program. The staff is also trained in CPR and first aid.

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**President’s Message**  
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I was particularly struck by something else Julaine told me. She said that she and the other women had gotten to know each other as they worked together on behalf of their children in the public special education schools. She said that when their children “graduated” to Valley Village, they felt like their kids had gone off to college and they, the parents, no longer had a defined role to play. My reaction was that there is a role for them to play and that their participation is not only welcome, but needed. With the Board’s focus on outreach to these families, we hope to bring other people like Julaine and her friends into active participation in Valley Village operations and governance. I look forward to their involvement.

**Executive Director’s Message**

By Fred Chapa

Valley Village’s Day Program provides clients with a range of enriching in-house or community-based instructional and therapeutic activities. Our emphasis is to provide rehabilitative and developmental opportunities in all areas of daily living including social skills, money management, self-awareness, food and nutrition, and community integration.

We understand that our Day Program does not stand alone. What we deliver must interface with what you provide your family member at home. This means we must coordinate our efforts so that we complement each other. At the same time, Valley Village realizes that it must offer the best possible care with the resources that we have at our disposal.

It is our goal at Valley Village to work closely with you by:

- Developing a level of optimal trust.
- Allowing you to interface with care providers.
- Providing accurate, up to date information about our programs and services.
- Identifying and developing critical community resources that enhance client services.
- Establishing as many options as possible to meet clients’ needs, interests and concerns.
- Being available to answer questions.
- Ensuring that you have input in establishing policies and procedures.
- Using your recommendations to create innovative services and programs.
- Encouraging you to play an active role in the family member’s life.
- Creating opportunities for particip-

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attractions package. Wrapping up the afternoon will be the drawing of the Grand Prize ticket for a 40-inch Sony Bravia TV-HDMI with LCD flat screen donated by the Winnetka Neighborhood Council, and a DVD player. Time Warner Cable will also include a selection of movies and TV shows and coupons good for a year’s worth of free Time Warner Cable Movies on Demand. Only 250 of these tickets will be sold at $100 each.

**Individual tickets are $65 which includes self parking. Sponsors and advertising opportunities are still available. For information, contact Susan or Jenny at (818) 587-9450, ext. 120. See you on June 24.**

*By Fred Chapa*

*The Village Spirit - Spring 2006*
Here's Who's Helping Valley Village

Donor names comprise those who provided support to Valley Village from January 1 to April 15, 2006

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