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Fabulous Volunteers,
With summer approaching, the Valley Village Volunteer Vibe lists wonderful volunteer opportunities ahead, including the once-in-a-lifetime 2015 Special Olympics World Games. We'll also have plenty of other chances for summer fun for the clients and you.

Jo Ellen

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

In addition to our **Super Saturdays** and other regular activities, we need your help at some special events.

Thursday, June 18

Chillin' and Grillin' to Say "Thanks a Million" to Councilmember Mitchell Englander BBQ

Help us do more for our clients! Volunteer at our '**Chillin' & Grillin' BBQ**' on Thursday, June 18. The event is a major fundraiser for Valley Village's programs for adults with intellectual and developmental challenges. Volunteers are needed from mid-afternoon through the evening that day at Orcutt Ranch, 23600 Roscoe Blvd., West Hills. Some help is also needed at the Adult Development Center that afternoon. The event is 6 to 9 pm, and we need help before, during and after.

We have a variety of job assignments: silent auction, raffle ticket sales, set-up, busing, clean-up, registration, load-in, load-out, and more. It's a fun event -- BBQ feast from Calabasas Custom Catering, and live music from the Sierra Highway Band.

Sign up with our **Volunteer Coordinator, Jo Ellen**, (818) 587-9450, ext. 120. Thank you.

Saturday, June 20

Stephanie's Day at CBS Studios

Valley Village will be part of this one-stop resource fair for special-needs families. **Stephanie's Day**, which runs from 10 am until 2 pm, is informational and inspiring. Valley Village will have a booth where we share information with families and others in the special-needs community. In addition to staffing our booth for a shift, volunteers will also have a chance to visit the many other booths and meet parents, children and nonprofit leaders. The CBS Studios Lot, 4200 Radford Ave., Studio City, home to many great shows, is a memorable place to spend the day. **Sign up now.**

July-August

Special Olympics World Games

Coming soon -- the **Special Olympics World Games** will be held in Los Angeles this summer. Valley Village is proud to be partnering with Kaiser Permanente to be Healthy Athletes Volunteers for the Games. If you would like to help out in this special area, we need nurses and nursing students, as well as non-healthcare providers. When you **sign up**, select VVC as your organization.

FOOD, DANCING, MARIACHIS. . .OLÉ!

Our Cinco de Mayo Celebration on Saturday, May 2, was the best party ever for many. Hike It Up brought taquitos, quesadilla, rice, beans and more. The Knights of Columbus in Canoga Park provided a spacious hall, with room enough for tables and comfortable chairs for clients and guests, a stage for the mariachi band, and a large dance floor. The lively music of our mariachis, La Victoria, courtesy of Hike It Up, got clients and volunteers out on the dance floor for circle dances and other cool moves.

We really appreciated the ample parking lot, with room for our buses to unload, and for buses and volunteers to park.

Our volunteers outdid themselves, preparing and serving food, decorating, and helping the clients have such fun. Many thanks to all who participated, including Hike It Up, Knights of Columbus, Concorde Career College, the HeatWave softball team, CKI from CSUN, Cleveland High School, and L.A. Fellows. You are the best!

We have regular events like this one, organized and hosted by our wonderful partner groups. If your organization would like to make lives happier for persons with developmental challenges, we would love to talk with you.

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EAT OUR DUST!

The Village Run/Walk is on track for October. We will once again partner with The Village Family Services for this awesome fundraiser and community event. We're finalizing the course and dates, and will let you know when they are determined. If you're not doing the run/walk, we need you as a **volunteer**.

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Sincerely,

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