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The Act of Inclusion

In order to have true **community inclusion**, an individual needs to be able to participate and be accepted by other individuals. People with developmental disabilities share a natural desire of community and belonging. **Valley Village** provides several resources and programs that foster productivity, and community inclusion. But we can't do it alone. We need you. There are several opportunities to help expand our community inclusion mission, like, **volunteering** with our Saturday programs, assisting the Development and Marketing team with new fundraising ideas, supporting Valley Village events or simply volunteering for a day.

Let us know how you can help.

Sincerely,
Your friends at **Valley Village**



Los Angeles City Councilman Mitchell Englander with his wife and members of his staff

Involvement

Talent craze

Hike It Up and students from Concorde Career College worked hard to put on a talent show for Valley Village

clients. Saturday, June 27, the Hike It Up team and the students volunteered to prepare and serve breakfast and put together a fun talent for the clients. And of course it's not a party unless there's dancing.



Hike It Up with Concorde Career College Students

Stephanie's Day

Stephanie's Day is a perfect example of community involvement and inclusion. Each year **Valley Village** participates in this event to help spread the message to hundreds of people about community engagement and support. Stephanie's Day, put on by CBS2/KCAL9, is a resource fair for families and children impacted by autism and other special needs. Think about joining us at Stephanie's Day next year.



Jo Ellen, Miriam and Caitlind at Stephanie's Day

Does Your Employer Match?

You give, they give

Do you work for an employer who has an Employee Giving program? If you're not sure, you should ask your company. You'll be surprised how many businesses have a type of Employee Giving program. Some companies will match you dollar for dollar when you give a donation to your favorite charity. Also, there are some companies, like AMGEN, that will match their employees' volunteer hours. In other words, the number of volunteer hours given to a charity, the company will match those hours with a monetary donation. Keep in mind that every company is different and has their own unique employee giving program with specific requirements and criteria.



Steve and Les

If the company you work for has an employee giving program, please select Valley Village as your charity.

Special Olympics World Games Update

A ribbon in the sky

Did you know during the **Opening Ceremony** Stevie Wonder is going to perform? Exciting! There will be a ribbon of smoke in the sky from the flaming torch which will launch the Special Olympics World Games. If you don't get a chance to see Stevie Wonder during the Opening Ceremony, fret not, there will be other amazing events to witness and participate, like volunteering with **Valley Village**.

Special Olympics Volunteer Opportunities:

Special Olympics Athletes Event

Westfield Topanga Mall

Wednesday, July 22

10am - 4pm

Contact **Jo Ellen** to sign up to volunteer.**Healthy Athletes Program**

Kaiser Permanente Woodland Hills

July 25-August 2

Sign up or contact **Jo Ellen**Special Olympics
World Games 2015**Thanks A Million BBQ Pictures!!!**

Do you want to see what happens when paint meets wine?

Click here to view all of the pictures from the *Chillin' and Grillin'* to say "Thanks a Million" to Mitchell Englander BBQ.Valley Village Board Member
Margarita enjoying BBQ from
Calabasas Custom Catering**2015 Calendar**

July 3 Independence Day, observed. Day Programs and Office closed.

July 11 **Juno Rada Presents: Bad Habits Album Release Showcase.****Creative Art Pieces for Sale****Hand painted bottles of
Malibu Wine**Clients in our ceramics
program created these**Write a review**Love Valley Village? Help
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few links and when you
start your online window-

beautiful pieces. Select either cab or chardonnay. Drink the wine and **enjoy the art for years to come.** Local pick up. \$45.

site is linked to Guidestar, which is a site that people look to when making donations, as well as VolunteerMatch.

shopping, start here. For every dollar you spend, a portion goes to Valley Village! **Goodshop, iGive, smile.amazon.com**

"The message I'll share...is that inclusion is extremely important for kids with and without disabilities."

- Clay Aiken

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