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Wonderful volunteers,
What a great summer for Valley Village and our volunteers. Amazing events, Super Saturdays, Special Olympics World Games, concerts and fun ways to escape the heat. There's more to come! We hope to see you at these excellent adventures. Thank you.

Jo Ellen

VOLUNTEERS ROCK WITH SPECIAL OLYMPICS ATHLETES

Thank You for Your Service at Westfield Topanga Event

Westfield Topanga threw a fantastic party for some 500 Special Olympics athletes and their coaches July 22, with Valley Village volunteers playing a major role. Valley Village, the only community partner bringing event volunteers (Host Towns had volunteers for their own delegations), brought 70 enthusiastic helpers.



On goody-bag detail

We enjoyed meeting **Special Olympics World Games** athletes from Venezuela, Serbia, Timor-Leste, Azerbaijan, Malta, Cambodia and Hellas (Greece). We had the pleasure of working with Westfield volunteers and host town representatives from Chatsworth, Northridge, Winnetka, Woodland Hills, Tarzana and Reseda.

Volunteering from 9:45 am until 5 pm, we contributed approximately 500 hours of service. In addition to Valley Village volunteers, **Career Care Institute** of Lancaster, whose nursing students volunteer and learn in our day programs, brought 17 student nurses and one instructor. **Concorde Career College** of North Hollywood, which has sent many volunteers to Saturday events, brought 18 health-professions students and two instructors.

We welcomed the athletes and coaches as they got off the buses, assisted at the lunch from **CPK**, escorted them to stores throughout the mall, and helped at activity stations, such as a photo booth, pizza toss and facials.

Our volunteers helped stuff, count, set out and monitor goody bags for all the athletes. We aided in clean-up throughout the day, bussing tables after lunch and folding chairs.

After a busy day, we escorted the delegations back to the buses for their next event. The athletes, coaches and volunteers had a fun and rewarding day. What a wonderful opportunity for us.

VILLAGE RUN/WALK IS HALLOWEEN, OCT. 31

Don't Miss Out on The Ultimate Fun Run

Run, walk, sponsor, donate or volunteer! There are so many ways to be part of our Halloween Day **Village Run/Walk** on Saturday, Oct. 31.



Pep Rally for 2014 Run/Walk

This year the 5K route follows the **Metro** Orange Line path from the Sepulveda Station to Burbank and Fulton at **Los Angeles Valley College**. There we will celebrate with a

Family Festival including entertainment, sponsor booths, award presentations and more. We need **volunteers** for the run/walk and the festival. Individuals and groups are welcome.

We will again partner with **The Village Family Services**, a nonprofit that provides services for at-risk children and youth, as well as for families.

Contact us for more information and to volunteer.

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We Need Your Feedback, Please!

Volunteers, will you take just three minutes to tell others about your experience with Valley Village? Your personal story and feedback help us gain visibility and help us improve.



Share your experience.

Great Nonprofits is gathering this feedback on many nonprofits, with results posted on its **website**. Reviews can be from parents of clients, professionals in the intellectual disabilities field, volunteers like you, and others in the community.

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