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# THE village SPIRIT!



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## Why Participate in a Charity 5K?

When you participate in a charity 5K, you accomplish so much more than healthy benefits for your body. For starters you bring much needed awareness for a charity that affects the lives for many people, like **Valley Village**. The money from the **5K** event will improve the well-being of many folks who need your help. So the question you should ask yourself is, why not participate in a charity 5K?



Today Valley Village serves 400 men and women with developmental challenges through semi-independent condos, family-style homes, three caring nursing homes, an adult development center and two adult day health care centers. Help us further our efforts by registering for our **Village Run/Walk 5K Halloween Fun Run**. Won't be able to attend? Don't worry, you can also become a Virtual Runner or give a donation.

*Village Run/Walk*  
*Halloween Fun Run*  
Village Run/Walk 2015

**\*Remember, wear your Halloween costumes. You'll be automatically entered into a costume contest!**

Sincerely,  
Your friends at **Valley Village**

**And Now, This**

## Eddie F., Reporting

Valley Village reporter, Eddie F., has been busy lately. He's active in program and helps out with Valley Village's fundraising events, too. Last week he slowed down to interview a friend in his ceramics class.

Eddie's interview for Valley Village Newsletter with Susie G.

Eddie: How do you like ceramics?

Susie: Yes

Eddie: Do you like to go on outings?

Susie: Yes, I shop.

Eddie: What do you like making?

Susie: Paintings.

Eddie: Do you like making friends?

Susie: Yeah, it's fun.

Eddie: What's your favorite part of ceramics?

Susie: I like to paint.



Susie and Eddie in Ceramics Class

Submitted by Eddie F.

## Village Run/Walk Halloween Fun Run

### Register Now

Ways to Register:

#### 1.) Online

- Login
- Register
- Create a team
- Start your very own fundraising page
- Tell your friends

#### 2.) Mail Registration

- Print form
- Mail to Valley Village, Attn: Development Dept., 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka, CA 91306
- Make checks payable to Valley Village. No cash, please.

3.) At the event. Onsite registration is open 7 am - 8:30 am.

4.) Won't be able to attend? Don't worry, you can still contribute by becoming a **Virtual Runner** or giving a **donation**.

A screenshot of the Valley Village Run/Walk 5K registration page. The page has a header with the Valley Village logo and navigation links: HOME, ABOUT, EVENT, DONATE, SPONSORS, VOLUNTEER. Below the header, there's a section titled "Village Run/Walk 5K" with a progress bar showing steps: Select Location, Select Participation Type, Select a Team, and Select a Fundraiser. The "Select Participation Type" section is expanded, showing three options: Walker - \$25.00, Runner - \$35.00, and Virtual Fundraiser - No Fee. The Walker option is selected.

Run/Walk Across the Valley

#### Additional Information

\* 1 What is your t-shirt size?

Please select response

\* 2 Which organization are you participating on behalf of?

Valley Village

PREVIOUS STEP

Don't forget to choose Valley Village

## Ready, Set, Volunteer!

### Village Run/Walk Needs Your Help

We have many volunteer opportunities for the **Village Run/Walk** on Halloween, Oct. 31. Would you like to handle runner registration early in the morning? Staff the

water stations along the 5K route on the Metro Orange Line walkway? Assist at the Family Festival near the finish line? Set up? Clean up? **Tell us.**

We need your help in advance of the event too. Our **Community Outreach Committee** will be spreading the word to race participants, sponsors and the community. If you like to meet people and share information about important causes, this is perfect for you. Much of the work can be done from your home and in your community. We invite you to the initial meeting of this dynamic group on **Wednesday, Sept. 23, at 5 pm at Valley Village**, 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka CA 91306. Please **let us know** if you can attend. Even if you can't make this meeting, you can still be a vital member of this dynamic team. Just **sign up** here.



Valley Village Staff and Little Volunteers

We also need office support and help for the pre-race package pickup for the runners and walkers. Whatever positions appeal to you, **let us know**. Share the fun and help the cause.

We are partnering for this event with The Village Family Services, a San Fernando Valley nonprofit that provides services to youth and families.

## Sweet Surprise

### A delightful donation from a thoughtful volunteer

Marianne Hudz, owner of **Red Carpet Cookies**, sweetened the Labor Day weekend for the ladies of Baird House with a multitude of bakery treats. There were enough desserts for two days. From Julie at Baird, "these are so delicious!"

Marianne also donated cookies and beverages for the Chillin' and Grillin' BBQ and is a volunteer. Thank you, Marianne!



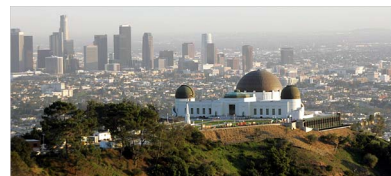
Marianne Hudz, owner of Red Carpet Cookies

## Community-at-Large

### Save the date!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 10** for our next **Community-at-Large** event. Valley Village's region-wide day for individuals with special needs is held twice a year at a great venue in the Southland.

**Community-at-Large will be held at the Griffith Observatory.** We will need **volunteers** for the event! Community-at-Large is open to everyone with an intellectual and developmental challenge.



Griffith Observatory

If you would like to sign up to be a **partner agency**, **please email us now** to be included in the packet material.

## 2015 Calendar

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| Sept. 23 | Community Outreach Committee Meeting  |
| Sept. 24 | Valley Village Annual Meeting. 5:00 pm. Adult Development Center, <b>Fred Chapa Campus.</b> |
| Oct. 10  | Community-at-Large at the Griffith Observatory  |
| Oct. 31  | <b>Village Run/Walk</b> - Halloween Fun Run   |



## Run, Walk, Roll with Us



### Form a team

Each of our Valley Village homes are forming teams for the Village Run/Walk. Don't be left behind! Form your own team now!

**VillageRunWalk.org**



### Social media maven?

Facebook junkie? Know how to get more likes? Help Valley Village go for broke on social media!

**Reach out to us.**



### Volunteer

Have some free time and want to be part of the pre-event committees? We can use some hands-on-deck! Make phone calls, copies, send letters! **Email today.**

"Hard things are put in our way, not to stop us, but to call out our courage and strength." - Unknown

**DONATE NOW**



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