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Who's Your Alter Ego?

With Halloween and our **Village Run/Walk** approaching, many of us are planning our Halloween costumes. Others, of course, already have them ready, while others won't be dressing up.

But this gives all of us a chance to think about possible alter egos, Halloween-themed or not. As a friend of Valley Village, you're a good guy. You might pretend to be scary, but underneath you care about people, you care about the clients, and you care about the community. Thank you for all you do.



Lyn's Scary Face
Halloween 2014

So dress up however you wish -- zombie, princess, cartoon character, or yourself. To us, you are the superhero.

Sincerely,
Your friends at **Valley Village**

Become the Best Sponsor Ever

Sponsor Now

By becoming a sponsor of the **Village Run/Walk Halloween Fun Run**, you can make a significant contribution in the lives of people with developmental

disabilities.

Ways to become a sponsor:

1) Event Sponsor Levels

- Presenting Sponsor, \$15,000
- Celebration Sponsor, \$10,000
- **Finish Line Sponsor, \$5,000 *HOT ITEM!***
- Starting Line Sponsor, \$2,000 **SOLD!**
- **Star Sponsor, \$1,500 *HOT ITEM!***
- Friend Sponsor, \$500



AAA TLC Health Care Booth
at the 2014 Village Run/Walk

2) Reserve a Booth

- **Business Booth, \$200 *HOT ITEM!***
- Nonprofit Booth, \$100
- National Business Booth, \$300
- Provide a service or give away a product to participants (ie; sports drinks, yogurt, pastries, massages) then your booth fees will be waived!

Reserving a booth at the Village Run/Walk Halloween Fun Run is a great way to showcase your business to the San Fernando Valley Community. You will be contributing to success of **Valley Village** while exposing your business. It's a win win.

3) Sponsor A Runner

You can show your support of a runner or a team of runners, by donating. The Village Run Walk website makes it easy for you to create a team, sponsor a team or sponsor a runner or a team of runners. Just type in the name of a runner or a team in the search box and the website will walk you through submitting your donation.

4) Won't be able to attend? Don't worry, you can still contribute by becoming a **Virtual Runner** or giving a **donation**. Be sure to **mark Valley Village** when you contribute!

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

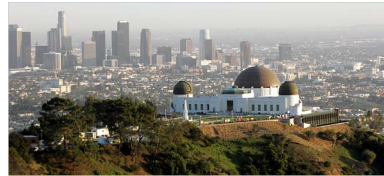
We also need office support and help for the pre-race package pickup for the runners and walkers. Whatever positions appeal to you, **let us know**. Share the fun and help the cause.

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

Explore the Cosmos with Us on Oct. 10

Community-at-Large Day Set for Griffith Observatory

People with intellectual and developmental challenges, their families, care providers and volunteers will gather at the **Griffith Observatory** on Saturday, Oct. 10, for **Community-at-Large Day**. We will meet for friendship, fun and exploration. There is so much to see and do at the observatory, known as Southern California's Gateway to the Cosmos.



Griffith Observatory

Meet Us There

The Griffith Observatory
2800 East Observatory Road
Los Angeles, CA 90027
(213) 473-0800

The Griffith Observatory is wheelchair accessible.

Saturday, Oct. 10

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Meet in front of the building

Free admission!

However, reservations are required. To reserve your spot, call Valley Village at (818) 587-9450, ext. 120. **RSVP by Tuesday, Oct.6.**

All participants must be accompanied by a care provider or family member.

Picnic Lunch

On Arrival, or at Your Convenience

Bring your own lunch and join us on the lawn for a picnic. We'll have extra snacks and water on hand, too. You may leave your lunch with us while you tour The Griffith Observatory. We kindly ask that you clearly mark your lunch with your name.

Parking

Disabled buses/vans may drop off passengers.

Parking at the Observatory is free but limited. There may be an uphill walk to the Observatory from some of the parking available along the roads and near the Greek Theatre. Guests and volunteers are encouraged to carpool.

Volunteers

Set-up 10:00 am. Tour 10:30 am

To volunteer, please contact: (818) 587-9450, ext. 120, or **email us**.

Partner Agencies

We welcome partner agencies. Please call Valley Village at (818) 587-9450, ext. 120.

More Information:

Facebook.com/ValleyVillageLA

Call (818) 587-9450, ext. 120, or **email**.

2015 Calendar

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



Run, Walk, Roll with Us



Be Crafty

Join **Valley Village** in helping its clients to create. Share a craft or skill with the clients. Paint pumpkins. Decorate cookies. Make a vase for flowers. **Contact us**.



Register Now

The **Village Run/Walk** is soon approaching. **Register online**, create your own fundraising page then ask your friends, family and colleagues to sponsor you.



Strum

One would say, music is the sound of life. Our clients love music - making it or listening to it and singing along. You can take part by **booking a gig with us**.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." - Unknown

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