

Village SPIRIT

e-newsletter



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Announcement

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SAVE THE DATE

It is more important than ever to get involved with Valley Village. It can be as small as attending Showtime! on June 25 to planning a special day for a group of unique individuals who aren't as fortunate as you.

April Calendar

SHOWTIME! 2011

21st - Valley Village sponsoring the [Canoga Park/West Hills Chamber of Commerce](#) breakfast

Get Your Laugh On...

Gather your family and friends and save-the-date for [Showtime!](#) 2011.

22nd - Good Friday

23rd - Valley Village at the Walk Now for Autism Speaks event at the Pasadena Rose Bowl

24th - Easter Sunday

27th - Valley Village sponsoring the [Greater San Fernando Valley Chamber of Commerce](#) breakfast



Happy Birthday!



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Quick Links



All Stars



Valley Village is an All Star!

Jim Tavaré, Comedian at Showtime! 2010

Our annual [Showtime!](#) luncheon fundraiser is coming up on Saturday, June 25th at the

Sheraton Universal Hotel. Thanks to our community, sponsors, guests and boutique vendors, this event raises much needed funds for our programs.

The recent state budget cuts have greatly affected our budget with a \$1.2 million cut. Our staff has been working hard to find alternatives and in-kind solutions, but it is not enough.

At [Showtime!](#) you can expect to begin your day with passed champagne and hors d'oeuvres, shopping, rub elbows with celebs like Bob Saget, Councilman Dennis P. Zine, and our surprise guest comedian (previous guest



Showtime! 2010 Garden Party

comedians included: Fritz

Coleman, Jim Tavaré, Carlos Mencia, Sunda Croonquist, Dave Coulier) and end your day with unforgettable memories while making a difference in the lives of adults with developmental disabilities.

Here are the different ways you can get involved:

1. [Sponsorship](#) and [Advertising](#) opportunities.
2. Gift your family and friends a ticket to our luncheon for their birthday gift.
3. Donate your airline miles, vacation home, or gift certificates for our opportunity drawing baskets and our live auction.
4. Volunteer your time to help find prizes before the event.
5. Volunteer your time the day of the event on June 25th.
6. "Like" us on [Facebook](#) and help spread the word about our unique event.

THANK YOU STEPHEN MICHAELS & FAMILY

Special Performance

Stephen and his family arranged for our participants to enjoy the annual Purim carnival on Sunday, March 20th as part of Stephen's Bar Mitzvah project. Unfortunately due to heavy rains, most our participants could not attend the carnival, because they are very susceptible to illnesses that are related to their disabilities.

In order for all of our participants to have the opportunity to enjoy a fun day out, Stephen, his family, and the [Shomrei Torah Synagogue](#) planned a special concert for the following weekend.



Valley Village participants enjoying the performance

The concert was a special treat to all of the men and women with developmental disabilities who had an unforgettable time!

This project was in honor of Stephen's very special aunt Lisa, and to help raise awareness of the special needs community.

Thank you very much!

On behalf of everyone at Valley Village congratulations to Stephen on your Bar Mitzvah.



Baby Stephen held by his mother with his aunt Lisa

BUTTONED UP & PROUD!

Do you "Like" us yet?

Got Facebook? If the answer is yes, you need/have/most/should be part of our button campaign TODAY!

All you have to do is log-in your Facebook account, look up [ValleyVillageLA](#) and click on the "Like" button and voila! You are officially a fan of our page.

The next step is to send us an [email](#) requesting a button (you can request more than one) for our [button campaign](#) and once you receive the button, wear it, take a picture and either post it on your Facebook page or [email](#) it to us and we'll post it on ours!!



Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield supporting our Facebook 40th Birthday Button Campaign!

MACY'S SHOPPING PASSES ARE HERE!

Hello Spring

Spring is here and so is your annual spring cleaning extravaganza. So go through your closet, make sure you donate your 2010 wardrobe to make room for the new 2011 styles. To help spruce up your new wardrobe for this summer, make sure to get your [Macy's Community Shopping Day](#) pass from Valley Village. The pass is \$10 each (you can purchase as many as you like) and 100% of the proceeds go to Valley Village. On top of supporting your favorite organization, Macy's has made sure that you get, \$10 or 10-20% off on your purchase Saturday May 14th only. You also get to enter for a chance to win a \$500 Macy's gift card!



Macy's
Community
Shopping Day

So don't just sit there, send us an [email](#) or call us at (818) 587-9450 and we'll mail you your pass!!

SAVE-THE-DATE, SATURDAY MAY 21!

Rummage Sale

On Saturday, May 21, Valley Village will be hosting another amazing rummage sale! The funds raised from our sale will benefit our amazing organization.

Your donation of items are greatly needed and appreciated. They can be dropped off on Friday, May 20th between 2pm-5pm at: 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka 91306.



2010 Rummage Sale

For questions please contact Caitlind or Alex at: 818-587-9450.

Spring is nature's way of saying, "Let's party!"

-Robin Williams

Every time you give through Valley Village, you're supporting 400 men and women with developmental challenges.

Sincerely,

Your Friends at Valley Village