

# Village SPIRIT

e-newsletter



Michael & Shawn

**In This Issue**

- [AMAZING VOLUNTEERS](#)
- [BENEFIT BRUNCH](#)
- [THANK YOU](#)
- [VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION](#)
- [SAVE THE DATE](#)

**Issue: #52** **February 2013**

**Dear Friend,**

We hope your year has been going well. We are busy here at Valley Village with many programs and activities for the clients, as well as our volunteer and fundraising programs. If you would like information about any of our programs, or a tour, please contact us.

Your friends at Valley Village

**February Calendar**

13	New Volunteer Orientation Noon-1:30pm, Fred Chapa Campus
17	Knights of Columbus Brunch 9am-Noon, 21433 Strathern St.
18	Presidents' Day Day Programs Closed

**Giving**

**DONATE NOW**

There's a fundraiser

**AMAZING VOLUNTEERS**

**Meet Nikki Guillote**

Valley Village has amazing volunteers. They are all over the place: managing the organization in the Board of Directors, helping in the office, escorting clients on outings, and helping in the classrooms, too.



Nikki with the Ceramics Class

Nikki Guillote volunteers in our arts and ceramics class at our ADC in Winnetka 3-4 days per week. She works directly with the art therapy teacher and the clients in the classroom to help them with projects. They also travel on outings together.

Nikki is very creative and the art and ceramics classroom is perfect for her. You can tell from the clients that she's a great

on February 13



Auxiliary fundraisers, Valley Village events and photos are posted on facebook first!

Are you already getting this delivered to your inbox?

Join Our Mailing List!

match for them. "They just love her," said Susan Karhroody, the art therapy teacher.

Nikki and her husband live in nearby Canoga Park with their son, age 5. Nikki has been volunteering for Valley Village since September.

## BENEFIT BRUNCH SUNDAY, FEB. 17

### Knights of Columbus Host



Want to enjoy a scrumptious meal while you help Valley Village? Come to the benefit brunch on **Sunday, Feb. 17, from 9 a.m. to noon**. The Knights of Columbus Assembly 65 of Canoga Park is hosting the event, with the profit going to our programs for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. **The Knights' hall is at 21433 Strathern St., Canoga Park**, between Canoga and Owensmouth avenues, north of Saticoy and south of Roscoe. It's about 2 miles northwest of our office. There's plenty of free parking.

The brunch will feature omelets made to order, plus a buffet table with savory eggs, well-seasoned sausage, scrumptious country potatoes and more. Cost is \$10 for adults, and \$5 for children 12 and under. Family and friends are welcome. Tickets are available at the door. We thank the Knights Assembly 65 for their continuing support. For more information, call Valley Village, (818) 587-9450, ext. 120.

## THANK YOU, ANNUAL APPEAL SUPPORTERS

### Contributors Help Meet Goals

Thank you to all of you who helped us this season with our annual appeal to raise money for sprinklers and to cover unmet costs in our day programs. We raised over \$60,000 so far.

**Thank you:** Abells, Anthony & Shatz, Austin, Basler, Beam, Beilinsons, Beuermans, Blums, Broudys, Browns, Bushongs, Butler, Campbell, Carrasco, Casas, Casey, Weinstein, Cogliansese, Cooper, Coopers, Corkery, Freeses, Daulos, Derrick, Diamonds, Dixons,



Donovans, Dorman, Elconins, Emersons, G. Engels, T. Engels, Burkhardt, Farber, Finmark, Fishers, Weiner, Freemans, Fungs, Gazals, Gelb Co., Goldware, Gomez, Greimann, Haeges, Hamburgers, Hawthornes, Hays, Ilbermans, Joyces, Kellehers, Korts, Krumm, Bernstein-Landy, Lazaroff, Leonard, Lerner, Lights, Lotspeich, Marrow, Millers, Moore, Mosher, Richards, Murashige, Nomura, Hahn, Parkers, Pena, Petitpas, Piero, Plucinik, Pomerantz, Prachers, Press, Raskins, Rector, Sacks, Salinger, Schugel, Schulman, Schwanbeck, Sears, Shobu, Shobu Fisher, Shomrei Torah Synagogue, Smiths, Stanton, Stewarts, Strauch, Sweats, Sydow, Tannenbaums, Theodore, Thompsons, Van Deests, Vasquez, Vestutos, Walds, Walker, Weiners, Sackin Weisel, Wheelers, Winchell, Wolfe, Wungs, Harris, Zimmermanns. If your name was inadvertently omitted, our sincere apologies...please let us know.

If you have not made your pledge or contribution yet, and would still like to do so, it's not too late! Call **Jenny** at (818) 587-9450 x120.

## **VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION FEB. 13**

### **Find Out How You Can Make Life Brighter**

Get more out of life by volunteering at Valley Village. Find out how you can join clients on fun outings and special events, and how you help with various projects to benefit adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

We will have an orientation for potential volunteers on Wednesday, Feb. 13, from noon to 1:30 p.m. at our office, 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka. Learn about the opportunities as well as the application and training process.

By volunteering, you will help adults who need your companionship and support, and you will enhance your life, too. Please let us know if you can come. If you can't make it then, we will be happy to meet with you at your convenience. Email our **Volunteer Coordinator**, or call (818) 587-9450, ext. 120.



Photo by Bobby C.

## **SHOWTIME! SET FOR JUNE 15**

## Comedian Bob Saget Will Return

Mark your calendars: Valley Village Showtime!, our annual Garden Party and Comedy Luncheon, will be on June 15 this year, again at the Sheraton Universal Hotel. Comedian Bob Saget will be back as host, to be joined by another top-level comedian and others. Look for details to come.

---

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

- Winston Churchill

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

[DONATE NOW](#)

Sincerely,

Your Friends at Valley Village