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More Than Friends, We're Family

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Dear Friend,

Today is a new day to seize. What if everyone helped a friend today or made a new friend?

Friendships are the family we make, not the one we inherit. At Valley Village friends are just as important as family. Your friendship to us has impacted our lives in a profound way. Without your friendship and support, Valley Village wouldn't be where it is today. Thank you for providing the best friendship of all to us.

We are asking all of our friends to **Be part of our BBQ event** as we swap stories and laughter with former Councilman **Dennis Zine**.



Dennis and Eddie

Sincerely,
Your friends at [Valley Village](#)

Student Nurses Bring Smiles and TLC

Our Day Programs Provide Unique Learning Experiences

Imagine discovering a heart dysrhythmia on your first day of on-site training as a student nurse! That's what two of our volunteers from Critical Care Institute found while assessing a client in May. Shiloh Decker and Kellee Clodt made the new finding on their first day here as Level 1 nursing students, explained their CCI instructor, Diana Just, LVN. The finding was confirmed and reported to a Valley Village nursing supervisor, and the client was referred for cardiac evaluation.



Kellee, Instructor Diana, Alex, Shilo, check on Michelle

Shiloh and Kellee were recognized by the school and received Lamplighter pins from the Dean, an honor usually reserved for later in the instruction cycle. A dysrhythmia, the instructor explained, is when the heart skips a beat. We appreciate that the student nurses at our day programs are so competent and caring.

Nursing students learn and practice many skills in their rotations at our Adult Day Health Care and Adult Day Programs in Winnetka and Sunland. But just as important, **they develop an understanding of our special population, and they learn to communicate with clients who may not even speak.** They also share the fun, learning how important music, art and recreation therapies are for our clients to live their lives to the fullest.

Our outings program to promote community integration is part of that fun. The nursing students join clients and staff on our buses to visit attractions, parks, museums and other recreational venues. They help with wheelchairs and other client needs so the group can get out and enjoy the bigger world. The clients love to get out, and they also love to spend time with the volunteer student nurses.



Cynthia with Kellee, one of our student nurses

Music and parties are big at Valley Village. Whenever there's music, clients sing and follow the beat, while the nursing students may join in the dancing. At Valley Village, we love to celebrate -- and we celebrate our wonderful student nurses and their instructors. Thank you.

Read more about our how our nursing student program started, [here](#).

A Letter to Dennis Zine...

Valley Village Honors You

Dear Dennis,

Our friendship is over a decade strong. Looking back at the support you have given brings

us so much gratitude. As a Councilman, you tended to the demanding needs of the people of San Fernando Valley; you still found time to give to us and gallantly came to our side when we needed you the most. You extended your hand and flexed your muscle to help us purchase our **Adult Day Center building that was a former McDonald's**. Because of you, we were able replacing the patented roof completely and only modifying it. We are so grateful to say that in the year of 2002 we were able to buy that building, now part of our Adult Development Center. The building takes care of 60 adults with special needs on average.



Dennis with clients from the Adult Development Center

Over and over, year after year, you have given your time, personal contributions and your priceless sense of humor to us. Since 2004 and every year since then you have donated your time to co-host our highly anticipated fundraising event, **Showtime!** and every year, without fail, you deliver the best laughs. We have enjoyed developing this friendship with you and are looking forward to the best years to come.

Walter Payton once said, "When you're good at something, you'll tell everyone. When you're great at something, they'll tell you." So it is with great appreciation that we tell you, Dennis, how great of a friend and supporter you have been to us. We give this year's event in your honor the way you would like it: fun, **casual and lots of BBQ**.

With Love,
Your Friends at Valley Village

2014 Calendar

June 21	Valley Village will be at Stephanie's Day, resource fair for families of children with autism and other special needs, 10 am - 2 pm, CBS Studios, Studio City.
June 28	Chillin' and Grillin' to Say Thanks a Million to Dennis Zine Hidden Chateau, West Hills 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm Tickets \$100, limited number available Sponsorship/Advertising Opportunities Info
July 4	Independence Day. Day programs and office closed.
November 9	Village Run/Walk - Registration is OPEN! Start your team now! Sponsored by Kaiser Permanente Woodland Hills

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