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## FOSTERING COMMUNITY

Twice a year, Valley Village partners with an event venue and other organizations serving individuals with developmental challenges, sponsors and volunteers. The event, called Community at Large, brings together hundreds throughout the Los Angeles region. Some have known each other for



Kim decorating cookies at Super Saturday on March

many years, and others are meeting for the first time. The success of this event is built on **spreading the word** to as many people as possible. We hope you can help.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Valley Village 2016 Calendar

*April 2*

#### **Legacy Group Wine Tasting**

Invitation-only wine tasting for Legacy Group members and special Valley Village guests. If you received an invitation, have you made your reservation?

**RSVP**

*April 8*

#### **Legislative Breakfast**

North LA County Regional Center and the LA Coalition of Service are having a breakfast to say "Thank You" for supporting the recent legislation. The event is April 8 at 8:00 am at New Horizons, Sam's Cafe. **Call (818) 778-4405 to register by April 1.** Tickets are \$10.

**View Invitation**

*April 16*

#### **Community at Large**

It's a giant special needs community meetup! **The event** on Saturday, April 16 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm is being hosted by the California Science Center. The event is free however requires a reservation. Volunteers are needed. The event is being sponsored by CEO Computers.

**Register Here**

*June 11*

#### **Showtime!**

More fun than a 5-ring circus. Shop for sponsorships, or purchase your tickets early before the invitation event hits the mail.

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## LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

Since our last newsletter, the two bills that we asked you for support on, **ABx2** and **SBx2**, were signed by the Governor on March 2. These are the Managed Care Organization Tax Reform and Developmental Services Funding Bills that each required 2/3 majority to pass in each house. The Governor released a statement on 2/29/16 that "...Democrats and Republicans came together today to do what's best for California.



This legislation will save money and help millions of people with health care and disability services."

Thank you for helping with calls and letters to your legislators.

**Assembly Bill**

**Senate Bill**

**MANY THANKS**

On March 12, we celebrated spring with **Hike It Up**. The same week, our Lurline House was treated to a visit from their Adopt-a-House family, the **Chatsworth Kiwanis**.

In our day programs, our music teacher, **Juno Rada** has been busy going to each of the three programs during the week. Our photography teacher takes our clients to different places for inspiration and subject matter.

And our ceramics class continues to build beautiful creations.

We encourage you to visit one of our homes or day programs, or volunteer for one of our events. Community at Large is April 16 and is the perfect event for every volunteer - seasoned volunteers and those just getting their feet wet in volunteerism. You can also help with Community at Large by spreading the word, and **distributing the flyer**.

Our thanks go out to Hike It Up, our Kiwanis Clubs and our volunteers for their die hard spirits and ongoing support.



Volunteers Sydney and Sadie hang out with Patrick



Esther really enjoys Super Saturdays

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