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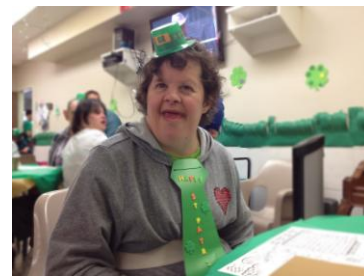
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## A World of Abilities

Dear [valleyvillage.development@gmail.com](mailto:valleyvillage.development@gmail.com),

There is no place that separates abilities of people more than on the fields of competition, yet in the Special Olympics World Games there is such an appreciation of differences and a powerful force of acceptance. Having the opportunity to experience enthusiasm, joy and personal achievement is unforgettable. **Valley Village** provides opportunities for enrichment including recreation and the arts. Valley Village welcomes you to **join** us anytime to support these efforts.

Sincerely,  
Your friends at **Valley Village**



Carolyn at the ADHC St.  
Patrick's Day party

## Saturday's the Day!

### Community-at-Large Day Is March 28 at The Getty Villa!

Let the fun begin! **Community-at-Large Day** at The Getty Villa is this **Saturday, March 28**. Clients, families, staff and volunteers will meet at the world-renowned art venue for a day of culture and camaraderie. This is a special day when anyone with an intellectual or developmental disability is invited for a day of art and friendship. Families, care providers and volunteers are invited, too.

**When: Saturday, March 28**

**Arrive: 10:30 am - 11:00 am**

**Departure: 2:00 pm**

**Location: The Getty Villa**

**17985 Pacific Coast Highway**

**Pacific Palisades, CA**

**You can enter only from the far-right northbound lane of PCH.**

**Please Register**



Byron and Leandra enjoying Community-at-Large at the Getty Villa

Individuals and groups are welcome to **volunteer**. You must **preregister** or call [818\) 587-9450, ext. 120](tel:8185879450).

The **Getty Villa** is the perfect locale. Along with its stunning art, architecture and gardens, the site is accessible and the hosts are so welcoming. The museum focuses on early Italian and Greek art. The villa is a re-creation of an Italian country house. Four tranquil gardens include fountains, arbors and reflecting pools.

Clients and guests should arrive between **10:30 am and 11 am**. We will meet in the picnic area, which is flagged on the **map**. Participants are invited to enjoy a casual lunch on arrival or at their convenience. You may bring your own picnic lunch, or purchase food at The Café at the Getty Villa.

Departure time is **2 pm**. Families, groups and volunteers are welcome to stay as long as they wish after checking out. The Getty Villa closes at **5 pm**.

Parking is free for those who are preregistered, and oversize vans can be accommodated. Families and groups who wish to participate should **register** by **March 26** or by calling [818\) 587-9450, ext. 120](tel:8185879450). All participants must be accompanied by a staff member or family member.

We have eight partner organizations for this event: New Horizons, TLC for the Blind, PathPoint, TASC, Ability First, Easter Seals, Exceptional Children's Foundation, and Tierra del Sol. Partners help spread the word, sharing information and distributing fliers to their clients, families, staff and community. Groups of clients and staff or family relish the friendship and fun of the day.

### For Volunteers

We need many **volunteers** to help guide special tours of the museum and grounds, to lead

the Art Quest and other activities, and to help push wheelchairs and interact with clients. Volunteers will have their own special tour beforehand to learn the best routes and offerings for the participants. Volunteers should meet at **9:45 am** for training and the tour. Don't come too early. The gates don't open until **9 am**.

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## "Chillin' & Grillin' to Say 'Thanks a Million' to Mitchell Englander" BBQ Is June 18 at Orcutt Ranch

Annual Fundraiser Will Be on a Thursday in the Cool of the Evening

After a successful premiere last year, our fundraiser BBQ is back, now at a new location. This year's BBQ, "Chillin' & Grillin' to Say 'Thanks a Million' to Mitchell Englander", is set for Thursday, June 18, from 6 to 9 pm at the historic Orcutt Ranch in West Hills. We are honoring Mitchell Englander because he has been a strong supporter of **Valley Village**, even before he was on the City Council. The gardens and orchards of Orcutt Ranch make a lush setting for an almost-summer evening.

Paul and Fran of Calabasas Custom Catering will be back with their saucy ribs, zesty baked beans, savory grilled vegetables and more. Tasty vegetarian Riblets are also on the menu. We will have live entertainment, client-created centerpieces, and a few surprises.

We need some help to make this fundraiser a success. We need **sponsors**. We're also looking for a variety of **donations** for an auction. And we need **volunteers**. Thank you for your support.



Los Angeles City Councilman  
Mitchell Englander  
representing the 12th District

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## Special Olympics World Games

Ceremonies at Cal State University Northridge Kick Off Prelims



Our Executive Director and host town Northridge Co-Chair Debra Donovan with longtime VV supporters Northridge Kiwanians - and host town Northridge Chair

Valley Village Executive Director Debra Donovan joined other San Fernando Valley leaders and community members and the press for a major announcement March 20 at **California State University**, Northridge, regarding the **Special Olympics World Games**. Rafer Johnson, 1960 Olympic Gold Medalist and founder of the Special Olympics, Southern California, was among the dignitaries present.

Richard Leyden and Co-Chair Sharon Rose and Olympic Gold Medalist Rafer Johnson at the Special Olympics Event March 20

CSUN, in partnership with Chatsworth, Northridge, Reseda, Tarzana and Woodland Hills, announced that it will host five delegations of athletes with intellectual disabilities and their coaches from around the world. CSUN will be home and training camp for nearly 500 athletes from six countries from July 21-24. The Games will be July 25 through Aug. 2.

The Host Towns will provide food, transportation and special events for the athletes and coaches. More than 7,000 athletes and 3,000 coaches representing 177 countries, along with 30,000 volunteers and 500,000 spectators, are expected in Los Angeles. The Special Olympics World Games thus will be the largest sports and humanitarian event anywhere in the world this year, and the single largest event in Los Angeles since the 1984 Olympics.

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## 2015 Calendar

March 28	<b>Community-at-Large Day</b> , Getty Villa, Malibu. Participants and Volunteers welcome.
March 31	Cesar Chavez Holiday. Day Programs closed. Office open.
April 25-26	Valley Village table at <b>Woodland Hills Rotary Club</b> Arts & Crafts Faire.
May 2	<b>Hike It Up</b> Cinco de Mayo Celebration for clients. Volunteers welcome.
May 25	Memorial Day holiday. Office and Day Programs closed.
June 18	"Chillin' & Grillin' to Say 'Thanks a Million' to Mitchell Englander" Fundraiser <b>BBQ</b> . Save the date.
July 6	Independence Day holiday. Day Programs and Office closed.
July 25-Aug. 2	<b>Special Olympics World Games</b> , Los Angeles.



## How You Can Help



### Be An Art Lover

Check out client art works at the **Woodland Hills Rotary Club** Arts & Crafts Faire April 25 & 26, Warner Center Park, Woodland Hills. Help our programs. **Volunteer.**



### Advocate

Executive Director Debra Donovan in Sacramento thanking legislators and advocating for the developmentally challenged. You can **advocate** too.



### Make a Movie Date

Hike It Up members took clients from Baird House, which they have adopted, to the movies. Your group can **adopt a house** and make life brighter for the clients.

"Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."  
- Motto of the Special Olympics



Jarien at Community-At-Large Day

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