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The Merry Month of May

Dear valleyvillage.development@gmail.com,

May is a month of anticipation and appreciation. Students are thinking about summer vacation, graduates are ordering their caps and gowns, brides and grooms are preparing for June weddings. Mothers and grandmothers are looking forward to spending times with their families on Mother's Day.

Here at Valley Village, our much anticipated Cinco de Mayo celebrations provided festivity for the clients, staff and volunteers. The clients are now busy preparing for Mother's Day.

Our outings are something the clients both anticipate and appreciate. They enjoy the trips, but even more they love spending time with the volunteers. If you're looking for something to anticipate and appreciate, consider **volunteering** on Valley Village outings and at special events. You'll thank yourself -- and the clients will thank you, too.



Jole made a Mother's Day card at Winnetka ADHC.

Sincerely,
Your friends at **Valley Village**

Chillin' & Grillin' Is Thrillin'!

Get On Board as a Sponsor for June 18 Fundraiser

We've had a great response so far to the **announcement of our June 18 fundraiser** for Valley Village, the "Chillin' & Grillin' to Say 'Thanks a Million' to Mitchell Englander" BBQ. We will meet under the tall oaks at Orcutt Ranch that evening to feast on mouthwatering BBQ fare. We will honor the Councilmember from the 12th District while we raise funds for our programs for adults with intellectual and developmental challenges.



BBQ is June 18

Dinner will be prepared by Calabasas Custom Catering, with music by the Sierra Highway band. A **Grand Prize drawing** will be held for a seven-day Holland America cruise and Southwest Air Lines tickets for two anywhere in the continental United States. A silent action and an online auction will offer unique items.

When: June 18, 2015, 6 pm - 9 pm

Where: Orcutt Ranch in West Hills

23600 Roscoe Blvd, West Hills, CA 91304

Tickets: \$100 per ticket (includes dinner & drinks, parking, entertainment)

Response from sponsors has been heartwarming. Sponsors to date include:

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Councilman Mitchell Englander

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Second Chance Charitable Foundation: Andrew & Bob Hay
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Joseph Perdenza

Sponsorship Opportunities are still available.

Join us as we celebrate Mitchell Englander while supporting Valley Village.

Clients Kick Up Their Heels for Cinco de Mayo

So Much Fun for Clients, Staff & Volunteers

The clients had a fabulous time at our Cinco de Mayo celebration on Saturday, May 2. **Hike It Up** hosted the delicious Mexican lunch and the Mariachi music by La Victoria, with **Knights of Columbus** graciously allowing the use of their spacious hall in Canoga Park. Many thanks to Hike Mkhoian of Hike It Up and Julio Jimenez of the Knights for all their hard work and good cheer. Also, muchas gracias to our fabulous volunteers.



Volunteers did an amazing job cooking, serving & dancing.

We enjoyed the best Mexican fare -- taquitos, Spanish rice, beans, quesadillas, vegetables, chips and salsa -- prepared by Hike's volunteers. All the volunteers did an excellent job serving more than 100 meals to all the clients and special guests.

Clients and volunteers danced up a storm to the music of our three mariachis. We had circle dances, individual dancers, and even a couple or two. What a pleasure to have such a large dance floor. The clients love to share their experiences with the volunteers, and Saturday's dancing was a highlight.

We had a tremendous volunteer turnout, with our own returning Valley Village volunteer helpers plus those from Hike It Up, Knights of Columbus, Concorde Career College, Cleveland High School, CSUN CKI, and the Heat Wave softball team. If you would like to volunteer, or your group would like to host an event, we'd love to **hear** from you.

Special Olympics World Games Needs Volunteers

Valley Village Partnering with Kaiser for Healthy Athletes

The Special Olympics World Games will be in our Valley in July and we have a special opportunity to participate!

We are partnering with Kaiser Permanente to assist in the World Games Medical Village during the Games. They need nursing, medical and nonmedical personnel to help out. There are many different types of jobs to do!



If you, your family or friends want a fun way to help out and be a special part of the Special Olympics World Games, you can sign up through our [website](#) or the [direct website](#). Select VVC when you get to "Are You Part of an Organization."

Volunteers needed

Let **us** know if you have any troubles signing up. We'd love to see you in the Medical Village during the Games!

On the Road in Style

Valley Village Receives Two Custom Vans for the Clients

Our two new Ford Transit vans have arrived. We obtained them from Mobility Works and Galpin Ford through a Metro New Freedom grant. We're so excited! The vans meet the current Americans With Disability Act standards.

The high roofs are factory made, not after market. The floorplans are really customizable. Seats can be repositioned on tracks, or removed, to make room for wheelchairs. Therapeutic Living Centers for the Blind received two new vans, too!



Debra Donovan, Executive Director of Valley Village, and Cyndi McAuley, Executive Director of TLC, with New Freedom vans.

2015 Calendar

May 25	Memorial Day holiday. Office and Day Programs closed.
June 18	Chillin' & Grillin' to Say 'Thanks a Million' to Mitchell Englander" Fundraiser BBQ .
June 20	Stephanie's Day resource fair for families impacted by autism and other special needs. We will be there 10 am-2 pm. CBS Studios.
July 6	Independence Day holiday. Day Programs and Office closed.

July 11 **Juno Rada** Concert benefiting Valley Village, CSUN.

July 25-Aug. 2 **Special Olympics World Games**, Los Angeles.



How You Can Help



Savor That BBQ!

Join us for a wonderful BBQ feast for a wonderful cause. Get your tickets for the "Chillin' & Grillin' to Say 'Thanks a Million' to Mitchell Englander BBQ.

BBQ Tickets



Travel

Purchase tickets for the BBQ grand prize drawing. You may win a cruise on the Holland America Line, or tickets on Southwest Airlines. **BBQ Grand Prize**



Summer Fun

Enjoy warm weather activities with the clients by **hosting** special events or adopting a house. Members from Hike It Up and Kiwanis clubs love to celebrate with the clients.

"The earth laughs in flowers."
-- Ralph Waldo Emerson

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