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## Dear Friend,

What a beautiful spring! Our clients have been planting their gardens and enjoying the outdoors. Volunteers and staff have been planning an amazing [Valley Village Showtime!](#) for June 23. Our annual fundraising luncheon becomes more important each year as government funding dwindles. We are all committed to providing a good quality of life for our special clients. To help out, please call (818) 587-9450, ext. 120.

## NEW EMCEE, NEW FEATURES FOR VALLEY VILLAGE SHOWTIME! ON JUNE 23!

### George Pennacchio to Host

The popular entertainment reporter for ABC7 Eyewitness News, [George Pennacchio](#), will host our annual [Valley Village Showtime!](#) this year. Pennacchio, a three-time Emmy winner, who as a television reporter provides insider views on the entertainment world, will bring his amusing wit and friendly banter to the stage at the Sheraton Universal. With Pennacchio on board, we are certain that



Showtime! host George Pennacchio

Showtime! will be a day to remember for all who attend. Also new this year is our [online auction](#). Going online through the Bidding for Good site opens our fundraising to a

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national audience and enlarges our donor base. For our loyal local audience, you can bid online before Showtime! and bid in person at the live event. Online bidding starts June 7 and will close June 21, clearing the way for our live event at Showtime! itself. Go to [www.biddingforgood.com/valleyvillage](http://www.biddingforgood.com/valleyvillage). Bid early and bid often.

The annual garden party and luncheon at the Sheraton Universal is the event of the year for Valley Village supporters. Showtime! provides a unique shopping experience at our exclusive boutiques. Here you can find those one-of-a-kind items you can't find anywhere else. We will also offer more items - from upscale home décor to fabulous entertainment and travel packages. It's all for a great cause - our clients, adults with developmental challenges.

Showtime! helps provide services that our normal funding doesn't cover. With our state budget being cut, we need to raise additional funds more than ever. If you would like to help our clients even more, consider becoming a [sponsor](#) or [donating products](#) or services for the fundraising auction and opportunity drawings. Please contact Jenny Daniels Freese at (818) 587-9480, or by email at [showtime@valleyvillage.org](mailto:showtime@valleyvillage.org). You couldn't find a better cause.

## VOLUNTEERS FETED AT LIVELY RECEPTION

### Food, Friends and Pipes on April 17



Ron, Dick and Jacey

It was a great opportunity for volunteers for special events, outings and day programs to get to know board members, Valley Village Foundation members, and some of our founders, still volunteering after 41 years.

The pipes sounded on April 17 as our own bagpiper, Patrick Getchius, played for our volunteers at our Appreciation Reception here at the Development Center.

We had food aplenty prepared by volunteer David Shepstone, with volunteers young and young-at-heart meeting and greeting.



Bagpiper Patrick Getchius

Volunteers loved the special thank-you cards made by clients in the Development Center art class and presented to them at the reception. "We were thrilled by the turnout and by the opportunity to thank our dedicated volunteers," said Jo Ellen Krumm, volunteer coordinator. "Our clients love our volunteers. We couldn't provide this quality of life without our volunteers helping out and raising

much-needed funds."

For you volunteers who couldn't make the reception this time, we thank you too. "Volunteers are essential at Valley Village," noted Debra Donovan, our executive director.

We also thank the Knights of Columbus Cardinal McIntyre Assembly No. 65 in Canoga Park for their generous donation toward our volunteer event. We need more volunteers -- to work with clients, and to help with Valley Village Showtime!. For information, please see below.

## Many Opportunities for Showtime! Volunteers

### How You Can Help at our Annual Fundraiser Luncheon

We need many volunteers to help with our annual fundraiser, Showtime!, on June 23, 2012, at the Sheraton Universal.

You can help in a multitude of ways before and during the Garden Party and Luncheon. Showtime! is a festive and unique event that raises vital funds for our clients -- but it's not possible without the help of a team of volunteers. Some of the positions that we need to fill include:



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- Set-up

- Parking helpers
- Volunteer-room managers
- Cashier assistants
- Ticket sellers
- Silent auction helpers
- Stage manager
- Basket runners
- Live auction volunteers
- Take-down
- Donation procurement
- Data entry
- Supply inventory
- And others.

No experience? No problem! We will train you beforehand at fun training events in May and June. Then come June 23, you'll be part of the action for an unforgettable day making a difference for our clients.

To volunteer or for more information, call our volunteer coordinator at (818) 587-9450, ext. 131, or e-mail [JoEllen@vvc.org](mailto:JoEllen@vvc.org). Thank you for all you do.

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*"To avoid criticism,  
do nothing,  
say nothing,  
be nothing."*

*--Elbert Hubbard*

Every time you [give](#) through Valley Village, you're supporting 400 men and women with developmental challenges. Thank you.

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Sincerely,

Your Friends at Valley Village

