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### Dear Friend,

The days are getting shorter and the holiday season is near. As we think about all that we are grateful for, we want to thank for helping make life better for adults with developmental challenges. We wish you a Happy Thanksgiving enjoyed with family and friends.

### SPECIAL ONLINE EVENT

#### Find Gifts for Friends and Family Members Through [BiddingforGood.com/ValleyVillage](http://BiddingforGood.com/ValleyVillage)

Our Ceramics and Art class has put together a select group of items for sale this season. You can view and purchase them online at our auction site,

[www.BiddingforGood.com/ValleyVillage](http://www.BiddingforGood.com/ValleyVillage). You can find cookbooks there, and soon you'll be able to find ceramics, stationery and paintings. Most items can be shipped. Items that cannot be shipped are noted as such in their description. Each piece is unique and special. We're sure you'll find something perfect for for everyone on your list!

### GREAT TIME AT THE GETTY VILLA

#### Community-at-Large Day on Oct. 13 a Resounding Success

The [Getty Villa](#) in Malibu welcomed us royally for our Community-at-Large Day on Saturday, Oct. 13. More than 200 persons with developmental disabilities, their families, staff and volunteers enjoyed the rare antiquities and serene setting of the museum, which focuses on the art and culture of ancient Rome, Greece and Eritrea.

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In addition to **Valley Village**, participants included groups from **TLC** and **Easter Seals**. The event was open to anyone with a developmental disability.

Volunteers handled many tasks and appreciated the opportunity to get to know the clients. We had volunteers from the **U.S. Air Force**, **Pierce College**, **Notre Dame High School**, **High Tech LA High**, and the community in general.

After a welcome at our meeting spot in the picnic area, guests and volunteers toured the museum and gardens.

Come lunch time, clients and other guests returned to eat, drink and laugh. Volunteers distributed hundreds of snacks and bottles of water, then cleaned up so that we "left no trace."

A special thanks to the **Getty Villa** and to David Singleman, Group Coordinator, Visitor Services. David greeted our volunteers and gave them a special advance tour so they would be prepared

when the clients arrived. He also greeted many clients, and was on hand throughout the day to make sure everything went smoothly.

Clients and volunteers alike were asking when our next community event

would be. Valley Village has **Community-at-Large Day** about twice a year. We hope you will join us for the next one.



Volunteer Bryan Cubillos



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"The Valley Village organization is top notch!  
They make it easy to volunteer  
and the people you help make it an absolute pleasure."

-- Mario Avila, volunteer

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