



2022 IMPACT

Valley Village

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Thank you to our supporters in the community who are integral to Valley Village's ability to create positive impacts for individuals with developmental and intellectual challenges.

Whether you choose to volunteer, attend Valley Village events, or donate, every contribution of time and funds helps us achieve our mission to protect, foster, develop, and advance the rights and interests of people with developmental disabilities.

Here are some ways you supported Valley Village in 2022.

**VOLUNTEERISM:** Volunteer participation is vital to Valley Village's enrichment activities for clients! This year, we resumed in-person volunteer activities for the first time since early 2020! We held our first Super Saturday since the start of the pandemic at Elks Lodge 2190 Canoga Park, where the Elks sponsored an ice cream social for our clients. Super Saturday is a community-based recreation event for clients in our residential program. Volunteers served pizza and ice cream, played bingo, and danced with our clients. We are grateful to reconnect and engage with the community through enriching and fun activities like Super Saturdays that support our clients' social and daily living skill development and maintenance.

Volunteers also helped us revitalize the gardens at our three, day programs. They got involved in various ways: in the planning stages, which included helping us shop for supplies, plants, and seedlings, assisting in the prep work, and the actual planting! Volunteers got to know clients, assisted them in choosing their plants, and helped cultivate beautiful, raised beds filled with flowers and different kinds of vegetables – many of which are thriving and starting to yield their first produce! It was a hands-on learning activity that was so popular with our clients and volunteers that we will be offering an opportunity soon to help reinvigorate our community garden at Balboa Park.

Volunteers also were deeply involved in helping to plan our 50th Anniversary event, Solid Gold 70s. The planning committee was instrumental in the success of the fundraiser. We met virtually once a month, and our volunteers led sub-committees, brainstormed themes, researched vendors, assisted in coordinating silent auction items, and helped secure sponsors.

There are many ways to get involved with Valley Village. We're so grateful to our volunteers for all they have done for our clients and our cause. [Learn more at valleyvillage.org/volunteer.](https://valleyvillage.org/volunteer)

**LA BIG 5K:** In 2021, Valley Village became an official nonprofit partner with the LA Big 5K and the McCourt Foundation. 2022 was our second year taking Team Valley Village to the LA Big 5K, and we're about to participate for the third year in 2023!





Our goal in 2022 was to register 40 members to walk or run with our team, and we were very excited to achieve that goal. We had a lot of familiar faces on Team Valley Village who had previously participated in the 5K, but this year, we added a lot of new team members! With your help to spread the word with your friends, families, coworkers, and neighbors, we raised just over \$13,000 for programs that help adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities live as independently as possible. Please join us in a special shout-out to our team's top fundraisers in the 2022 event, Edsel D'Souza, and Eric Gunter!

There is plenty of time to register for the 2023 LA Big 5K, and we know with your help, we'll beat our fundraising record from this year! [Learn more and register at valleyvillage.org/la-marathon](https://valleyvillage.org/la-marathon).

**SOLID GOLD 70s:** Solid Gold 70s, Valley Village's 50th Anniversary event, was a groovy good time! The fundraising event honored Valley Village's past while raising support for the sustainability of our future. Our 1970s theme was a nod to Valley Village's founding in 1971. We encouraged all guests to come dressed in 1970's-themed costumes and awarded prizes for the three grooviest looks. Dinner was a barbecue provided by Calabasas Catering at Jim's Fallbrook Market, and they even threw in some additional tray-passed appetizers and side dishes in support.

Our trip auction featured vacations to Mexico, Hawaii, and Ireland. One of the night's most popular and competitive items was donated by Galpin Motors, our Disco Diva Sponsor – the rental of an Aston Martin for a weekend, along with dinner for two at their Carriage House Restaurant! The Fund-A-Need portion of the evening's program raised \$8,500 that went directly toward funding client outings and several sensory devices for our day programs' sensory rooms. We raised over \$50,000 during the event thanks to your support, participation, and generosity.

Thanks to our many event sponsors, community partners, vendors, volunteers, and the Valley Relics Museum for making the event a success. Special thanks to comedians Sunda Croonquist and Danny Jolles for donating their time to entertain attendees, and our auctioneer, retired Councilmember Dennis Zine. Your impact at events like Solid Gold 70s extends beyond your financial support. When you attend a Valley Village event, you help to elevate Valley Village's profile in the community, start conversations, and establish connections supporting our capacity to serve our clients. We can't wait to see you all for our next event in May 2023!

**SONGS OF SUMMER 2022:** Valley Village partnered with The Garland for a fundraiser in September to raise awareness and funds for Valley Village programs. The Garland hosted Songs of Summer 2022 in beautiful Beverly Park. Throughout the evening, FM Station, a local cover band, performed music from the 60s, 70s, 80s, and 90s. Valley Village was the featured nonprofit of the evening, and The Garland donated money raised through ticket sales to Valley Village. Our development team attended and encouraged attendees to engage with Valley Village through fun activities. Attendees who signed up for our newsletter, followed us on social media, or donated got to spin a wheel and win Valley Village swag! Altogether, we raised almost \$2,000 for Valley Village, raised awareness about our work and the positive impacts we make for our clients, and made friends with new supporters!

**AMAZON WISHLISTS:** Our Amazon Wishlists are a great way to make an impact at Valley Village in 2022! In October of this year, we partnered with an Instagram 1990s-nostalgia group with a reach of over 2.3 million followers. Over the summer, they sponsored a program called Clear The List for elementary school teachers, where the teachers created Amazon wishlists of supplies for their classrooms. The group shared links to the lists with its followers to help them stock the classroom. After the school year started, the group turned its attention to nonprofit organizations, and Valley Village was the first partnership they selected! Members of the Instagram group made a significant impact with their purchases, which included items like Amazon Fire Tablets, an Echo Dot, many art supplies, and more.

Items on our Amazon Wishlist that supporters donate create more opportunities for our clients to participate in enriching activities! The items from our Wishlist are not only meant to spur creative expression, but also a way to exercise fine and gross motor skills and encourage communication. [Visit valleyvillage.org](https://valleyvillage.org) and [click the Amazon Wishlist image](#) on our home page to view and donate items to benefit our clients.