



2023

IMPACT REPORT

Valley Village staff will tell you our day program participants and residential clients are the reasons we are here.

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You - our supporters, donors, and volunteers – and every contribution of time and money helps us achieve our mission. Here are some ways you supported Valley Village in 2023.

VOLUNTEERISM

Volunteering your time is a gift that Valley Village, our staff, and clients appreciate because they get to know our community members and friends. This year, volunteers who attended Super Saturday and Community At Large events engaged with our residential clients at The Broad, Descanso Gardens, The DiscoveryCube LA, an exotic car show at Pierce College, and more! Super Saturday is Valley Village's community-based recreation program for our residential clients and volunteers to experience venues and activities throughout Los Angeles. Community at Large welcomes all people with developmental disabilities in the area, regardless of affiliation with a program.

Volunteers also helped plan and host Gold Rush at Sagebrush–Valley Village's Spring 2023 event. From the planning committee to volunteers who helped at the event, their support helped make the concept a reality.

Learn how you can be a Valley Village Volunteer at www.valleyvillage.org/volunteer



LA BIG 5K

In 2023, Valley Village was a Nonprofit Partner with the LA Big 5K, and our team participated for the third year in a row! Forty-one Team Valley Village participants helped raise awareness and funds and walked or ran in the event – many for the first time! They helped us raise over \$10,000 for Valley Village programs. Will you join or support our team in 2024? **Register at www.valleyvillage.org/la5k**



GOLD RUSH AT SAGEBRUSH

Valley Village hosted its western-themed Gold Rush at Sagebrush event in May 2023. Our attendees dressed in their best Wild West attire and had a fun evening. Thanks to sponsors and donors who supported the event, we raised about \$55,000 to provide enriching programs for our clients and replace specialized exercise equipment. **Save the date for the spring 2024 event – May 9, 2024 at the Calabasas Country Club!**

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

Impact and Benefits

If you talk with a Valley Village parent or family member and ask them what Valley Village provides them and their loved ones in the residential program, they will tell you peace of mind. The common thread for all our families – past and present – is the constant worry they felt before their family members joined our residential program. They wondered what would happen if they could no longer care for their son, daughter, brother, or sister.



Roll-in shower conversion for non-ambulatory residents

Valley Village's Residential Program embodies the vision and purpose of its founding families, who wanted to create a place for their children with special needs and future generations. Those founding families shared the same concerns we hear from families today. The programs we offer today exist because of those families, their work, and our staff who adopted their vision as its own. They created opportunities, programs, and a continuum of care for their children with developmental disabilities to thrive in accepting, stimulating, and secure environments.

Today, Valley Village's community-based residential program includes a semi-independent living setting, thirteen group homes with live-in care providers and house managers, and three homes that provide nursing care. Through Valley Village's continuum of care, our staff meet each person's needs as they evolve, including transitioning home environments to accommodate ambulatory changes. Your generosity supports necessary updates, including modifications for non-ambulatory residents in our homes, that help us meet our clients' evolving needs. Our in-depth medical services and continuum of care, combined with donor support, give us the capacity to fulfill our founders' vision to provide life-long care.

The result for the people who reside in the program is a high quality of life and peace of mind for their families. Clients in the program, like Sam, enjoy the community-based activities and social outlets. He did not have those experiences before he moved to Valley Village's residential program. Sam lived alone. He was surviving, but he was not thriving. Today, he is retired from his job and lives happily with his housemates. Sam is one of almost 400 women and men in Valley Village Programs. Social opportunities include Valley Village's recreation program, Grace Church, dances, and other community excursions. Our clients thrive because we provide the supportive environments they need to be successful. They form bonds with each other, staff, volunteers, and others they get to know in their community. We see how happy our clients feel, and that makes their families and us happy.

Families who support Valley Village include those whose children have passed over the years. Like the founding families who created Valley Village, they embraced the vision to ensure our programs continue to benefit future generations and families needing programs like Valley Village.

If you or someone you know would benefit from placement in Valley Village's residential program, contact Susie Effatian, Valley Village's Director of Residential Programs, at susie@vvc.org.