



# VALLEY VILLAGE LEGACY GROUP NEWSLETTER

*Winter 2021*

*The Valley Village Foundation was formed to ensure the future financial viability of Valley Village. The focus of the Foundation is the endowment to provide lifelong care for our clients.*



## **CLIENTS AND STAFF VACCINATION CLINICS**

*Last fall, Valley Village enrolled in the Federal Covid-19 program to be prioritized in receiving vaccines. We offered the Pfizer vaccine to our residents and staff in two, three-day clinics under this program. Walgreens pharmacists administered the vaccine during clinics organized by Valley Village in January and February.*

## **HAPPY 50TH ANNIVERSARY TO VALLEY VILLAGE**

*Valley Village has been a community leader in the San Fernando Valley for 50 years, providing programs and services that help adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities live independently as possible. Valley Village was founded in 1971 by a group of concerned parents who had the vision to establish opportunities for their children with developmental disabilities. They wanted their children to thrive in accepting, stimulating, and yet challenging environments. They worked to launch the San Fernando Valley's first public schools for the developmentally challenged. They established Valley Village, a nonprofit organization to care for their children in an uncertain future. Valley Village currently serves 400 women and men through three, day programs and eighteen residential homes.*

## WINTER WONDERLAND FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Valley Village hosted a Winter Wonderland Holiday Drive-Thru event on Tuesday, December 22 at 5:30 pm for clients to experience the magic of the holidays. The event featured holiday lights, decorations, music, and other surprises. Valley Village residents experienced the holiday event as their care providers drove them through the Winnetka Day Program parking lot. Members of the community and donors made the event magical for our residents. They donated holiday décor items, including holiday lights and inflatable decorations. We transformed our lot into a Winter Wonderland to create a visual and auditory festival of lights. Valley Village residents loved the array of lights and sounds that created a sense of wonderment.



## 50TH ANNIVERSARY PLANNING

Valley Village's 50th anniversary is a time to celebrate our history and our future. The development team has begun planning to mark the occasion leading up to and throughout the upcoming fiscal year. We need volunteers to help plan aspects of the anniversary, including but not limited to events, the giving campaign, a commemorative video project, and more. If you would like to participate in the 50th Anniversary committee or have questions, please contact Matt Swearman at [matthew@vvc.org](mailto:matthew@vvc.org), or call 818.587.9450 ext. 161. Also, if you know someone interested in participating, please refer them to Matt.