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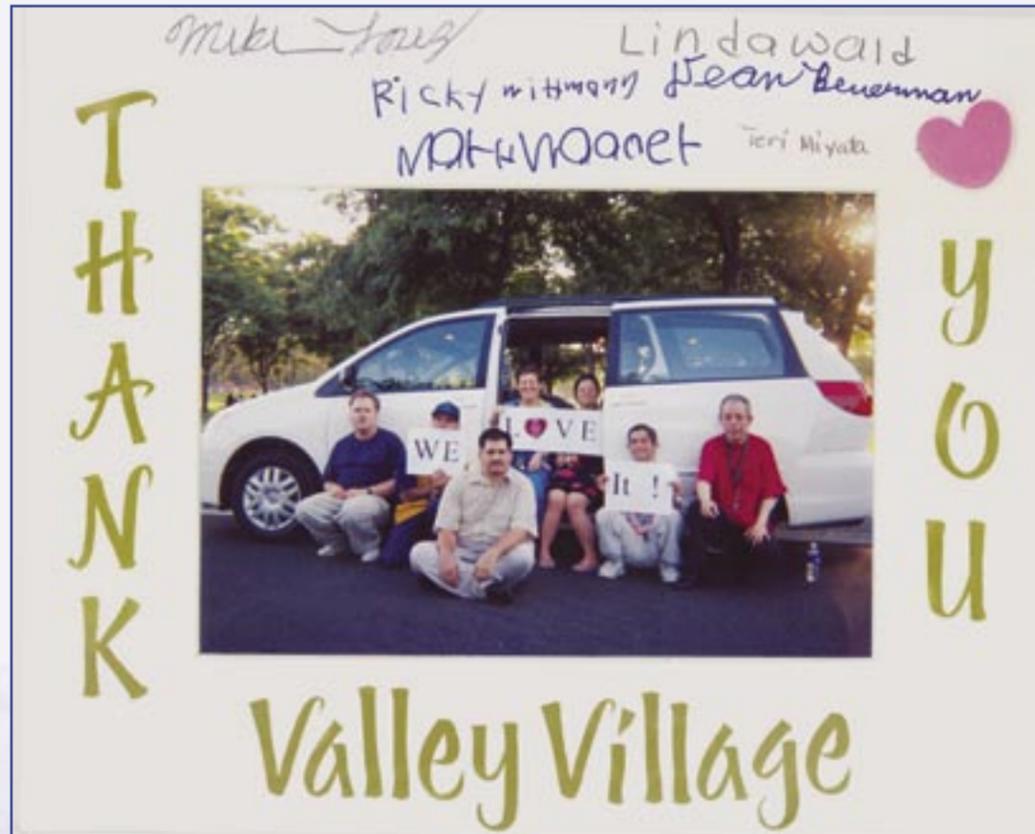
BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS

All meetings held in Valley Village's conference room at 20830 Sherman Way unless otherwise noted.

August 25 6:30 p.m.
Valley Village Board of Directors

September 20 7:30 p.m.
General Membership Meeting
Winnetka Adult Day Health Care Center

October 20 6 p.m.
Valley Village Foundation Board of Directors



Residents of our condos in Canoga Park sent a special thank you to Hamer Toyota for its assistance with the purchase of a 2005 Toyota Sienna van.

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OVER 400 GUESTS ATTEND THE 30TH ANNUAL LUNCHEON

Over 400 people enjoyed an afternoon of shopping, bidding, smoozing, and entertainment at the 30th Annual Luncheon on June 25. The festivities began with a boutique with unique clothing, jewelry, candles, and hand-crafted items, and a Chinese raffle for beautiful gift baskets donated by businesses and Valley Village Board members.



Bob Saget (l) and Councilman Dennis P. Zine recognizing Title Sponsor, Marion Letsch.

Comedian Bob Saget, who is best known for his starring role on "Full House" and host of "America's Funniest Home Videos," was the emcee for the luncheon.

The guests were entertained by comedian Louie Anderson who kept the audience in stitches with his warm and understated brand of humor. As he stood behind the microphone stand Louie said, "Can you see me?" Anderson, a versatile and successful comedian who is loved by the television and night club audiences, reminisced about growing up in Minnesota where the conversations in winter centered around the type of jumper cables people used to start their frigid cars.

Los Angeles City Councilmember Dennis Zine was the auctioneer for the live auction. He whipped up a frenzy of bidding for restaurant packages, sporting goods and sporting events, vacation in Laughlin and Las Vegas getaways, Hawaii, weekend stays at the Warner Center Marriott, among other wonderful items. Zine, who has been an ardent supporter of Valley Village, commented that "I am proud to actively champion the efforts of Valley Village, where each client is recognized as a valuable member

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BETH COMES TO THE SUNLAND DAY PROGRAM TO HAVE FUN

"I highly commend Valley Village," said Lynn, the mother of Beth, who has severe developmental disorders. "You look at the clients here and they are happy. They must be doing something right."

When Beth was born the doctors told her parents she would be a vegetable. However, someone forgot to tell Beth, who was born deaf and not able to use her legs. A professor at USC told Lynn that if you give a person with developmental problems a warm and friendly environment where they can experience a variety of things, they will blossom on her own. "I had two other children and I knew how to take care of babies," said Lynn. Additionally, Lynn worked as an elementary school librarian and knew what to expect from children in various stages of their life.



Lynn B. (l) with her daughter Beth at the Sunland Day Program Center.

Despite her limitation Beth has taken on life's challenges with great gusto and determination. She created her own style of movement. "It is amazing to watch her go up and down stairs and get in and out of her wheelchair," said Lynn. At home she plays with her two brothers and sister and helps around the house.

Beth who is now in her 30's, "has always accepted her condition without question," said her mother. Beth attends Valley Village's day program in Sunland two days a week. "The staff has been very responsive to her." When Beth first came to the center only one person knew American Sign Language, now several can communicate with her. "Beth was apprehensive at first about coming here, but now these are her friends," said Lynn. "This is the place she comes for fun. It is something that she now looks forward to."

Beth enjoys arts and crafts, especially making hooked rugs and doing paintings. Even though she has limited use of her arms she has figured out how to do things her own way. "She is actually quite imaginative and creative," said her mother.

OUR MISSION: VALLEY VILLAGE IS COMMITTED TO ADVANCING THE INTERESTS AND WELL-BEING OF CITIZENS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Marc Weisel



Congratulations to all those who contributed to the success of our annual Luncheon fundraiser held this year at the Woodland Hills Marriot's grand ballroom.

As I stood on the stage to welcome more than 400 guests, I was struck by the show of support from our families and friends, the business community, and elected representatives for the special programs and services we provide at Valley Village.

A big thank you to Bob Saget, a special friend, Valley Village cheerleader, and Luncheon Emcee for a fourth year. Once again, Bob entertained the audience with his quick wit and charming ways.

The luncheon co-chairs Kitty Cooper and Sharon Sackin and their committee, Susan Basler and her staff, did a superb job in producing the luncheon with the help of a legion of volunteers, many from Telesis Community Credit Union—one of our Title Sponsors.

Festivities for the day began with a boutique where 15 vendors offered handmade,

one-of-a-kind items including jewelry, artwork, clothing, and specialty gifts. At the same time there was a crowd around the baskets to be raffled, each containing more than \$300 in gifts and prizes. Others were clamoring to buy raffle tickets for the \$5,000 grand prize and for the three fabulous vacation destinations including round trip air fare to Hawaii with four nights at the Wikaloa Hilton Hotel.

After lunch it was 'Showtime' with Bob Saget's special guest, comedian Louie Anderson. Louie kept the audience laughing for 30 minutes. He warmed up the guests for the very lively live auction conducted by Bob Saget and our City Councilman Dennis Zine. Councilman Zine whipped the audience into a frenzy with his fast paced and hilarious auctioneering style. Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky joined the Saget-Zine team to cap the afternoon with an auction of a 'day and evening with Saget and Zine.'

The luncheon is our major fundraiser and is a critical component of our budget. We would like to expand the services that we offer to more than 300 clients, but new programs require a greater commitment on the part of the community. When you are with family, friends, and colleagues tell them about Village Valley, and encourage them to support the work we do by attending next year's luncheon and by making generous donations throughout the year. Working together we will support a Valley Village that will continue to offer the finest programs for generations to come.

If you would like to have friends or relatives added to our mailing list to receive *The Village Spirit*, please contact Susan Basler at (818) 587-9450, ext. 120.

A DAY AT DISNEY'S CALIFORNIA ADVENTURE



Trina K., Brian E. and Eric S. with a record catch.

Brian E., Trina K. and Eric S. with staff member Alex Krashnoshstein (in yellow).



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Guenther W. Engel

In the 1980s, just ten years after Valley Village was founded, parents of Valley Village clients held a series of daylong workshops. They examined their dreams and aspirations for Valley Village. The one thing that I believe everyone took away from those workshops was, that the parents wanted LIFE LONG CARE for their developmentally disabled children.

Let's summarize where Valley Village is today, twenty plus years after those 1980s workshops:

- Two After School Programs serving approximately 50 clients
- Adult Development Centers (ADC) at two locations serving approximately 120 clients
- Adult Day Health Centers (ADHC) at two locations serving approximately 100 clients
- One Residential Program consisting of over 85 clients living in 14 homes and 4 condos
- One 12 Bed Nursing Facility
- One Skilled Nursing Facility serving six sub-acute patients

There area continuum of programs that are capable of providing LIFE LONG CARE, starting with the after school programs, continuing with the ADC, or for the more medically fragile the ADHC programs, and a residential program along with two nursing facilities are also available.

LIFE LONG CARE entails two things, the right organization coupled with the right type of financial structure. Valley Village is that organization. It has the facilities, the programs, and the administration, staff and employees to make LIFE LONG CARE a reality

To achieve LIFE LONG CARE the financial structure is the missing link. To correct this problem the Valley Village Board of Directors approved the formation of a foundation in 2001 and the foundation was legally formed in June 2002. What we cannot do is count on the state forever. Witness the budget fiasco in Sacramento that occurs year after year and tell me if you feel secure that

the funding stream will continue at its current pacefrom the state and the Regional Centers.

The answer to the financial structure is an endowment administrated by the Valley Village Foundation. The Endowment is funded through year-end appeals, through a planned giving program and through the earnings from its investments.

The Endowment is a fund that keeps growing every year because the principal, consisting of your gifts, donations and bequests which are invested and never spent. A portion of the Foundation's earnings from its investments is spun off to Valley Village.

The Foundation has established a Planned Giving Committee that has adopted an informal policy of "Let us help you." The first part of helping is to have the parents of children with developmental disabilities understand the importance of financial planning for their child's future. Dick Bartus, our planning coordinator, has covered one aspect of this help in his accompanying article. The second part of helping is that as you avail yourself of the services of Valley Village today, think of the future by including the Foundation in your will or trust.

While I recognize that this message is directed to the parents with special needs children, it really is just as appropriate for all families. Plan for the future and your loved ones with a living trust. The Foundation is there to help you through this process.

In closing, congratulations to Susan Basler and her volunteer committee for producing a very successful and enjoyable annual Luncheon and Valley Village fundraiser, and a big thank you to Marion Letch, the founding charter member of our Legacy Group, for an inspiring letter that was included in the Valley Village Annual Luncheon's program.

Some of the Valley Village Foundation board members who attended the Annual Luncheon: (back row from left) Dwight Wheeler, Councilman Dennis P. Zine, Judi Prejean and Guenther W. Engel; (front row from left) Dolores Zimmermann and June Stanton.

When speaking to parents or parent groups I often ask the question, "How much money can a parent or relative leave to a disabled child who is receiving government benefits?" This is when I discovered a very common myth that exists among our families. The answers I get range from "zero, \$1,000, \$1,500, \$2,000 to unlimited." The reason for all the confusion has to do with the rules the government imposes on those who receive governmental funding. It says that a person getting Social Security supplements cannot own assets in excess of \$2,000. The truth is that there is no limit on the amount that can be given to or left to a child; however, it must be done the right way.

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In setting up my estate plan I have left my daughter, Laura, (who is getting Social Security benefits) the same amount as my other children. The only difference is that her distribution goes into a Special Needs Trust which means she does not own the funds but can use the money for her "joy and comfort" for as long as she lives. When Laura's life ends what ever is left of her funds will go to the charities that have cared for Laura and meant so much to her quality of life. I think that is a wonderful use of her portion of our estate.

This arrangement of our estate plan not only makes a lot of sense to me but it also qualifies us for membership in the Valley Village "LEGACY GROUP." We are very proud to be listed as members along with others who have chosen to make a planned gift to the Valley Village Foundation.



THOSE WHO HAVE HELPED VALLEY VILLAGE

Donor names comprise those who provided support to Valley Village from January 21, 2005 to June 30, 2005

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Attention Friends of Valley Village

One of the benefits of contributing to Valley Village is that it makes you eligible for membership in Telesis Community Credit Union. TCCU is a proud supporter of Valley Village and has been a major sponsor of the Valley Village luncheon for several years.

If you are looking for great rates on deposits, consumer loans, real estate loans – or great financial services for your business – check out the Financial Advantage of working with a credit union



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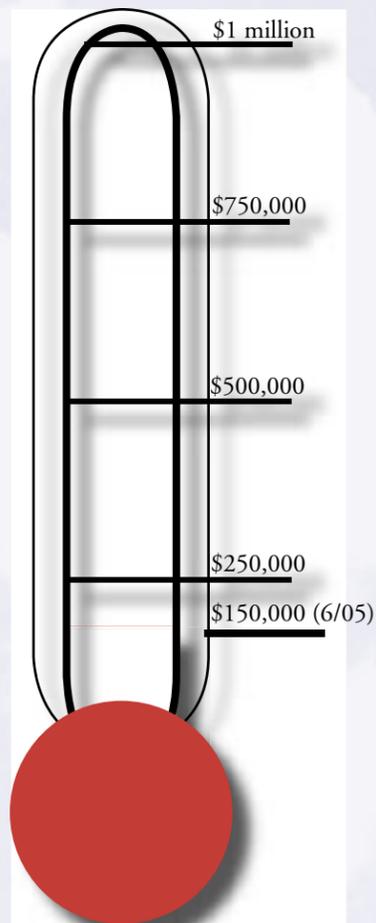
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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

By Fred Chapa



It is the time of the year to acknowledge the special efforts of the team that make Valley Village the program that it is. I am very fortunate to be surrounded by some very talented people that give Valley Village its direction.

- Debra Donovan is the Director of Residential Services and oversees all of the needs of the clients in all of our homes, the nursing home and the continuous nursing home. This is a 24 hour job that has her working in the wee hours to insure the client's well being.
- Suzanne Lewis gives daily direction to the continuous nursing home which is a pilot project serving very medically fragile clients.
- Dorothy McGuire is the head of nursing who with her team of nurses insures the best possible medical coverage for all of our clients.
- Donna Thomas is the Director of Day Programs and oversees the operations of the adult day health centers, the development center and the camp and after school programs. Donna handles the myriad of paperwork needed to keep licensing and the Department of Aging satisfied.
- Jason Curcio fulfills the needs of the personnel department and has recently taken on the responsibilities of the safety committee.
- Phil Motherspaw is the controller who oversees the budget and manages and maintains our fiscal viability.
- Susan Basler directs the marketing and fundraising services. This year the annual fundraiser was an outstanding success. Many of you know that Susan is the architect that works in coordination with the efforts of Kitty Cooper and Sharon Sackin, Luncheon Committee Co-Chairs, Marc Weisel, President of the Board and all of the

Valley Village and Foundation Board Members along with an ensemble of volunteers to make the event happen. This year the success was an extraordinary achievement in that the architect was fighting to conquer numerous health battles that would have left a normal person incapable of carrying on the tasks required to make the event work. All of us at Valley Village are very much appreciative of the energies expended and dedication given by Susan in this very trying time in her life. Our hats are off to Susan Basler, woman extraordinaire.

- Greg Miraglia is our in-house construction contractor. Greg and his crew maintain the homes, day program facilities and our offices in good condition. He handles simple repairs to major renovations to our homes and commercial buildings. He oversees outside consultants like the electrician, plumber and security equipment technicians. Thanks to his many talents, Greg exemplifies the 'can-do' that makes our programs successful.

Thanks to the above personnel, the residents and day program clients, live and participate in safe programs that the participants enjoy.



Representatives from Shounokai, a Japanese organization for the developmentally disabled, paid a visit to Valley Village and showed off their artistic talents.

ANNUAL LUNCHEON

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I remain thoroughly convinced of the premium services that Valley Village provides to developmentally disabled adults and children, and am committed to helping the organization in furthering its mission."

Jamie Cordero was the winner of the \$5,000 cash drawing. The title sponsors for the luncheon were *Bank of the West, Smith Barney, Telesis Community Credit Union, and Marion Letsch*. Gold sponsors included *Humanomics, Inc., Prudential Financial and Lee Hamer Memorial Charities*. The silver sponsors were *Barbara and Dwight Wheeler, Mellon 1st Business Bank, Primcare Pharmacy and Councilman Dennis P. Zine*. Patron sponsors were *Dorothy and Leroy Bushong Family, JPL Zoning, Kelleher & Associates, Kiwanis Club of Northridge, Mike's Roofing, Northridge Insurance Agency, Union Bank of California and West Hills Hospital and Medical Center*.

Luncheon co-chairs Kitty Cooper and Sharon Sackin were estatic about the luncheon, which raised more money than last year's event. If you did not attend the luncheon you missed a wonderful time.



Louie Anderson hiding behind the microphone at the Annual Luncheon.

THE ANNUAL LUNCHEON AT VALLEY VILLAGE

