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Dear Friend, Things are buzzing at Valley Village. Our clients enjoyed some great times in May, including Cinco de Mayo and a performance of the Dancers of Peru. They've been getting out with staff and trip volunteers to museums, malls and parks, and will be heading for the beach, among many destinations, this month. Other volunteers and staff have been busy preparing for an amazing Valley Village Showtime! on June 23. Our annual fundraising luncheon becomes more important each year as government funding dwindles. We are all committed to providing a good quality of life for our special clients. To help out, please call (818) 587-9450, ext. 120.

## **GEORGE PENNACCHIO & DENNIS ZINE TO** SHARE THE STAGE AT JUNE 23 SHOWTIME!



# New Valley Village photos on facebook



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Showtime! host George Pennacchio

## Plus, Surprise Comedian Will Keep

### the Laughs Coming

Don't miss the event of the year -- Valley Village Showtime! You can still order tickets through June 15. It's only \$85 for the garden party with champagne, hors d'oeuvres, live music and boutiques, followed by a plated lunch in the Sheraton Universal Ballroom. The lunch will be accompanied by nonstop laughter courtesy of our surprise guest comedian. Emceeing the event will be the popular entertainment reporter for ABC7 Eyewitness News, George Pennacchio. LA City Councilman Dennis P. Zine, returning as auctioneer, will keep the live auction lively and bring plenty of audience interaction. Past comedians have included top names such as Carlos Mencia and Tom Dreesen.

It's all for a great cause - our clients, adults with developmental challenges. Showtime! helps provide services that our normal funding doesn't cover. With our state budget being cut, we need to raise additional funds more than ever. So come to Showtime! Bring your friends. Take home some of our unique offerings from the boutiques and auction. Tickets are available at <a href="www.valleyvillage.org">www.valleyvillage.org</a>, or by calling (818) 587-9450.

If you would like to help our clients even more, consider becoming a **sponsor** or **donating products** or services for the fundraising auction and opportunity drawings. Please contact Jenny Daniels Freese at (818) 587-9480, or email **showtime@valleyvillage.org**. You couldn't find a better cause.

# "GOING . . . GOING . . . SOLD TO . . . " ONLINE AUCTION STARTS JUNE 7

Get your trips, fashions, gift cards and sports tickets early. Don't miss out on deals like

these. You don't have to wait to bid on your favorite auction items. Our new online auction opens June 7, so you can sew up your purchases early. The online auction also enlarges our donor base and should increase the funds we raise for client services. Online bidding starts June 7 and will close June 21, clearing the way for our live event at Showtime! itself. Our loyal local audience can thus bid online before Showtime! and bid in person at the live event. Go to www.biddingforgood.com/valleyvillage and see all the wonderful items, trips, services and experiences available.

Looking for great seats at the LA Dodgers games? Want to see the ponies run at Santa Anita Park, home of



Seabiscuit? We've got it. Fascinated by wild animals? Bid on our San Diego Zoo tickets. Need some rest and relaxation with the family? We have a great vacation getaway in the San Juan Islands of Washington State. Check out our vast array of items. We're sure you'll see something you like.

# SHOWTIME! VOLUNTEER TRAINING SESSIONS ARE JUNE 12 & JUNE 16

### Many Helpers Needed in a Range of Positions

Get in on the fun as a **Showtime! volunteer**. Want to shake a pompom? Be an auction spotter. Perhaps you're quick on your feet and could be an auction runner. Do you like lists? You could help with registration. If you're a social butterfly, you could circulate with gift baskets. Whatever your skills, we have a place for you on the Showtime! **volunteer team**. Find out more about the positions at our volunteer training sessions. One will be Tuesday, June 12, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. here at our administration building, 20830 Sherman Way, Winnetka. Another training session will be at the actual venue for Showtime!, the Sheraton Universal Hotel, 333 Universal Hollywood Dr., Universal City, on Saturday, June 16, from 10 a.m. until noon. We ask that volunteers attend one of the sessions, if possible.

Please let us know you're coming by calling (818) 587-9450, ext. 131, or emailing joellen@vvc.org. Thank you.

"Love life and life will love you back. Love people and they will love you back."

-Arthur Rubinstein

Every time you <u>give</u> through Valley Village, you're supporting 400 men and women with developmental challenges. Thank you.



## Sincerely,

## Your Friends at Valley Village

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