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## **SAN FERNANDO VALLEY JAYCEES CREATE COCKTAIL HOUR CONNECTIONS**

**SHERMAN OAKS, CA** – You’ll find more than drinks and appetizers at the Sherman Oaks Galleria on Monday evening, March 2<sup>nd</sup>. About 40 non-profit organizations will be on-site to offer you a bigger bang for your buck. These organizations are participating in the **San Fernando Valley Jaycees’ 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual, award-winning, “Involvement” expo**—which connects community members with local volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

This expo gives San Fernando Valley residents the opportunity to learn about the large number of FREE ways to dedicate their time and energy to service. Each non-profit organization will highlight their programs and services, and the public can get an up-close look at community needs and can make rewarding connections.

“Many people have had to tighten their budgets lately, and can’t give funds to support community services,” says Vickie Bourdas, current President of the San Fernando Valley Jaycees. “This event demonstrates that although you may not be able to contribute financially, you can still give back to your community. In fact, volunteering your time helps so many of these deserving organizations, and gives you the satisfaction of knowing you’re making a difference,” she adds.

Involvement is a free event which takes places during the typical cocktail hour, from 4:00-7:00pm. The event will take place rain or shine in the plaza area of the Sherman Oaks Galleria, 15301 Ventura Blvd, in Sherman Oaks.

Involvement will also feature special guest speakers Los Angeles City Councilmember Dennis P. Zine and LAUSD Board Member Tamar Galatzan.

Students seeking community service opportunities for school credit are encouraged to attend. As

well, the San Fernando Valley Jaycees still have a few spots available for non-profit organizations who would like to connect with motivated leaders.

Event sponsors include Promotionally Minded, Douglas Emmett and Junior Chamber International. For more information about the event, please contact Vickie Bourdas, President of the San Fernando Valley Jaycees at [president@sfvjaycees.org](mailto:president@sfvjaycees.org).

*The San Fernando Valley Jaycees is an energetic, innovative, and effective organization comprising current and emerging leaders between the ages of 21 and 40 who are dedicated to impacting the future through networking, leadership development, and community service. For more information, visit [www.sfvjaycees.org](http://www.sfvjaycees.org).*

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