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16 HAPPY EASTER	17	18	19	20	21	22 Applebee's Pancake fundraiser 8am-10am 21 E. Main St. Alhambra
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April 1, 2017

To: Consumers, Families, & Care Providers
From: MERCI

SAVE THE DATE: Saturday, April 22, 2017



**Enjoy a short stack
for a tall cause.**

Breakfast fundraiser 8-10am at Apple Bees 21 E. Main St. in Alhambra. If you are interested in purchasing tickets please contact us via email at merci@merci.org or call the office 626-289-8817. Ticket's are only \$10.00. MERCI will receive 50% of ticket sales. See attached flyer for additional information.

Additional ways to support MERCI:

- Any used ink/laser cartridge can be turned into our office and we will recycle them!
- Ralphs *rewards* Community Contribution Program. Please sign up *or* re-register. Directions and scanbar code are attached. If you require assistance, please contact the office.
- Download the GoodSearch Toolbar at www.goodsearch.com and add MERCI as your designated non-profit. Every search raises funds for us.
- Register with www.igive.com and shop their extensive collection of businesses. A portion of your purchase goes to MERCI. The website will also inform you what percentage of your purchase will be donated.
- We continue to collect UPCs and beverage caps from participating products to earn points that can be redeemed for FREE educational merchandise! You can turn in your UPCs and beverage caps into MERCI's office. For a complete list of participating products, please visit LabelsForEducation.com.
- Support MERCI while you shop at smile.amazon.com. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to **MERCI** whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. Simply designate MERCI as your charitable organization after signing in.
- We will be collecting donations for our Saver's fundraiser at our site, you can drop off your donations at the front office.

Please make illness the only excuse for not attending MERCI, we have seen a drop in our revenue due to absenteeism over the last several months. We are funded by the state of California but rates for our services barely cover our costs and we do not receive any funds when our consumers do not come to the day programs. For the first time in 13 years (on July 1 2016) we received a rate increase for the services provided to the consumers we serve, but if your family member is absent we cannot bill for services, so please make illness the only excuse for not attending. Also remember the continuity of attending our day programs helps to maintain and strengthen the skills each individual is learning. For all of us, we learn by repetition and routine coming to day program ensures learning!

* Pick-ups and drop-offs are now being conducted at 527 N. Chandler (our new classroom in the back of our property) adjacent to our parking lot. Staff will be available for assistance from 9:00am-10:00 a.m. and in the afternoon from 3:00pm-4:00pm. for our regular bus duty hours. As a reminder when you are dropping off someone in the designated drop off area it is important to pull forward and put your hazard lights on. It is extremely important that you do not block the "no parking" areas. They are there for emergency services and you can be cited by the city.

Please note the front of our administration building will no longer be our designated pick-up or drop-off area. However, all visitors must continue to report to the front of our administration building to sign in and out for emergency purposes.

Using email allows us to save on paper and postage!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at (626) 289-8817 or at merci@merci.org.

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