




February **MERC** 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16	17
18	19 President's Day MERC Open 	20	21	22 Shakey's Fundraiser 5-8pm 2234 W. Valley Blvd. Alhambra	23	24
25	26	27	28 <i>Minimum Day Program ends at 12:00pm (In-service)</i>			

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To: Consumers, Families, & Care Providers

From: MERC

We are open on Monday, February 19, (President's Day), however, transportation companies are closed. We are asking, to please transport your family member to program. Our Day program will be open from 9am-3pm. ESP will be open from 7am-9am and 3pm-6pm. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the office at 626-289-8817. Thank you in advance for your support and for continuing to send your family member every day.

Join us in welcoming Jillian Van Leuven, MPA Executive Director.

Jillian comes to MERC with 17 years' experience working in the field of Developmental Disabilities and other mental health challenges where she served as both the Director of Operations and the Director of Adult and Transition Services. In these positions, Jillian gained expertise in community-based program management, program development, securing and maintaining collaborative partnerships and fiscal and operational management.

Jillian holds a Bachelor's Degree in Psychology from San Francisco State University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Non-Profit Administration and Management from California State University Northridge.

"My passion lies in serving mission-driven organizations that are dedicated to making lasting changes for people with developmental disabilities. MERC's long and respected history of empowering and dignifying people with developmental disabilities aligns with my core belief that every person has the right to develop lasting social and emotional connections furthering their ability to become fully integrated members of the communities in which they live and work. It will take a lot of hard work to maintain the greatness MERC has already achieved while innovatively expanding upon their programs and services and I am thrilled at the opportunity to be a part of their vision and mission."



On Thursday February 22, 2018 from 5pm-8pm

MERC will be having a fundraiser at Shakey's Pizza Parlor, located at 2234 W. Valley Blvd. Alhambra, 626-289-7851. Dine in or take out and remember to let your cashier know that you're attending for MERC. Drop your receipt in the box at the register and Shakey's will donate a percentage of your purchase (beverages not included) to MERC.

Whether you're celebrating a milestone or planning a business event, we welcome you to rent our newly constructed 5,000 square ft. multipurpose room complete with a commercial kitchen for special events, social gatherings or private parties. Our indoor event space can accommodate up to 400 guests or it can be sectioned off for smaller groups as well. Call Jillian Van Leuven, Executive Director for more information at 626-289-8817 ext.131 or via email; jvanleuven@merci.org.

We have set up a dining fundraiser every month for the entire year at different venues. You will be updated monthly keep an eye out for announcements.

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.

Please make illness the only excuse for not attending MERCI.

Our programs depend on attendance the revenue that attendance provides allows us to provide services; it is our lifeline to keeping our doors open.

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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