



March 2019

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10 Daylight Saving Time	11	12	13	14	15	16
17  St. Patrick's Day	18	19 MERCi Board Meeting 6:30pm	20	21	22	23
24 31 Applebee's Fundraiser 8am-10am Montebello	25	26	27 Minimum Day Program ends @ 12:00 p.m. STAFF IN-SERVICE @ 1:00 P.M.	28	29	30

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March 1, 2019

To: Consumers, Families, Care Providers & Supporters
From: MERCi

Minimum Day Reminder: March 27, 2019 Program Ends at 12pm.



Message from the Executive Director

Like January, February seems to have flown by. During this month two of our key staff members Bernice La Scala, Associate Director of Programs, and Christina Salazar, Day Programs Coordinator, attended the ACRE training where they learned about Customized Employment processes for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. We are getting closer to becoming vendored to provide Integrated Community Based Services (ICBS), which will allow us to provide more individualized services for our participants. ICBS will focus on supporting individuals in finding meaningful volunteer opportunities, internships and employment within their communities. We are excited to implement this new service as this will allow our participants to be more fully integrated into the community. With this, if you have or know of a business or organization that needs volunteers, please contact me directly as we will be looking into our local communities for volunteer, internship and employment opportunities for our participants to engage in.

We are always looking for volunteers too. If you would like to learn more about our volunteer opportunities, please drop me a line so we can set up a tour of our site. As always, we thank you for your continued interest and support of MERCi.

Save the Date: Sunday, March 31, 2019



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

Breakfast fundraiser 8am-10am at Applebee's 1493 N. Montebello Blvd. Suite A, Montebello, CA. 90640. If you are interested in purchasing tickets please contact us via email at merci@merci.org or call the office 626-289-8817. Tickets are only \$10.00. MERCI will receive 50% of ticket sales. See attached flyer for additional information.

Save the Date: Sunday, April 14, 2019, 6pm



Starring Bingo-boy & Drag Queen Bingo Hostess

Where: HAMBURGER MARY'S (West Hollywood)
8288 Santa Monica Blvd. W. Hollywood, CA 90046
SUGGESTED DONATION: \$20 AT THE DOOR

MPR Space Rental

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.

Additional Ways to Support MERCI:

1. **Ralphs Rewards Community Contribution Program:** Please sign up or re-register. Directions and scan bar 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.
2. **IGive:** 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.
3. **UPC's and Beverage Caps:** 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.
4. **Amazon Smile:** 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.
5. **Ink/Laser Cartridges:** Any used ink/laser cartridge can be turned into our office and we will recycle them!

Attendance

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.

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

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5th Annual Flapjack Fundraiser

Join us on Sunday, March 31, 2019

from 8am-10am

Applebee's Montebello 1493 N Montebello Blvd, Ste a, Montebello, CA
90640 (323) 278-0250

BREAKFAST INCLUDES:

PANCAKES

EGGS

HOME FRIES

SAUSAGE

ORANGE JUICE/ COFFEE

DINE IN ONLY

TICKETS ARE \$10. PER PERSON

MERCi BENEFITS FROM 50% OF ALL FUNDS RAISED

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE MERCi.ORG

EMAIL US AT MERCi@MERCi.ORG OR CALL US

FOR MORE INFORMATION AT 626-289-8817

