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14	15	16 MERC I Board meeting 6:30pm Chandler Site	17	18	19	20
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28	29	30	30 <u>Minimum Day</u> Program ends @ 12:00 p.m. STAFF IN-SERVICE @ 1:00 P.M.	31 Halloween 		

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October 1, 2018

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

Message from the Executive Director:

September has proven to be a very busy month for everyone at MERCI. Over the past few months, I have been working on designing a new Integrated Community Based Service for our current MERCI consumers and potential new consumers to participate in. I am in the process of working with Eastern Los Angeles Regional Center in having the program become vendored and hope to be able to introduce this new service to everyone in early 2019. We are all getting excited for our upcoming Annual Trees of Enchantment. This will be my first and I am excited to MC the event. As you are aware, Trees of Enchantment is a huge undertaking. If anyone would like to volunteer their time, I have a number of tasks that we could use your support in completing. Please feel free to contact me directly to discuss these volunteer opportunities further. Thank you all for your continued support of MERCI.

**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, December 2, 2018**



**MERC's "TREES OF ENCHANTMENT" FUNDRAISER**

**Invitation and Sponsorship letters have been sent out. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities will be available on our website. Attention crafters we need items for our Boutique. Please let us know if you would like to donate. Please let us know if you would like to donate.**

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Shopping Extravaganza Fundraiser at the Citadel Outlet's, for your continued support, we sold 21 tickets.

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](tel:626-289-8817) ext.131 or via email; [jvanleuven@merci.org](mailto:jvanleuven@merci.org).

*Keep an eye out for announcements on our monthly fundraisers!*

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](http://www.goodsearch.com) and add MERC as your designated non-profit. Every search raises funds for us.

Register with [www.igive.com](http://www.igive.com) and shop their extensive collection of businesses. A portion of your purchase goes to MERC. 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 MERC's office. For a complete list of participating products, please visit [LabelsForEducation.com](http://LabelsForEducation.com).

Support MERC while you shop at [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com). Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible [AmazonSmile](https://www.amazon.com/amazonsmile) purchases to MERC whenever you shop on AmazonSmile. Simply designate MERC as your charitable organization after signing in.

Please make illness the only excuse for not attending MERC.

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](tel:626-289-8817) or at [merci@merci.org](mailto:merci@merci.org).

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