



**AUGUST UPDATE**

# INSPIRING GENEROSITY

## HERE'S YOUR AUGUST UPDATE FROM THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF THE VALLEYS

### JOIN THE DONORS WHO ARE ACTIVELY SUPPORTING LOCAL CHARITIES!

The Community Foundation of the Valleys has added many new Donor Advised Funds (DAF) to our portfolio this past year, and the donors who have set up these funds have been active! Their choices of nonprofits to receive grants have been wide-ranging: nonprofits that provide educational services, assist those with disabilities, help seniors, and more! One attribute of these DAF holders is that they give with JOY to the organizations they support! If you are interested in opening a DAF, please contact CFV's Executive Director Marianne Haver Hill, [marianne@valleygiving.org](mailto:marianne@valleygiving.org)

### PROFILE IN GENEROSITY: MUHANNAD MALKI

Muhannad Malki is the current chair of the Board of the Community Foundation of the Valleys and embodies our commitment to encouraging greater generosity to our local nonprofits. He brings years of professional and volunteer experience to this CFV role, and is also an active donor utilizing the **Donor Advised Fund (DAF)** that he set up with our Community Foundation.

Malki's passion lies in serving nonprofit organizations, personally and professionally. He is a Partner and Shareholder at IOA Insurance Services, the 4th largest independent retail insurance agency in the U.S. Since joining Insurance Office of America in January 2018, he has applied his enthusiasm for nonprofits to his line of business, partnering with his clients to tailor their coverage to their niche needs.

In addition to his Community Foundation of the Valleys volunteer work, he is the vice chair of New Horizons, a nonprofit that serves the neurodiverse community. He also enjoys Olympic-style archery in his free time.

### A MEMORIAL FUND FOR A MUCH-LOVED COMMUNITY LEADER

Willis Veluz-Abraham was a student leader at UCLA who graduated in 1993. He spent much of his time at the university participating in the Cultural Affairs Commission, planning concerts and productions, serving as the Jazz Reggae Festival Director, and eventually being elected to serve as the Cultural Affairs Commissioner. After graduating from UCLA, Willis led youth programs and organized community events at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church for many years. He championed vulnerable groups including immigrants and the LGBTQ community. In the summer, he worked at a student summer camp, took kids on college tours throughout the state, and taught free salsa lessons at a local restaurant. Willis was a devoted family man, always ready to help out at his son's school beautification projects, fundraising events and field trips. Tragically, he died in a cycling accident in 2012.

The Community Foundation of the Valleys is now honored to manage the Willis Veluz-Abraham Memorial Fund, and we will support the generous vision of his wife Melissa. She has been actively soliciting donations from friends and family to increase this fund's capacity to provide scholarships to UCLA students in need who exemplify Willis's commitment to community service and the arts. Melissa has an amazing gift for fundraising! Through this fund, Willis's spirit is alive and strong, continuing to inspire generosity and good work for the betterment of the community.

### MEET PSALM STO DOMINGO!

This past year, we have been fortunate to have Psalm Sto Domingo working part time on the Community Foundation's team. He handles our social media by researching nonprofits that fit our "theme of the month," adding posts about CFV events, and finding quotes that connect to our vision to "inspire greater generosity." Psalm also serves as the registrar for our annual Convening of Nonprofits. He keeps our database up-to-date, and handles many other administrative tasks.

In addition to his work for the Community Foundation of the Valleys, he works for our nonprofit agency partner Valley Nonprofit Resources, an agency which provides a host of training and consulting services to local charitable organizations. Psalm graduated in May 2025 from California State University Northridge with a major in psychology. He lives in Simi Valley, and says that, in his free time, he likes to stay active through the gym, basketball, and pickleball. He also loves to hike, travel, and explore new cities. Thanks, Psalm, for all you do to support the Community Foundation of the Valleys!

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