



A Voice Discovered

501(c)3 Tax Id # - 46-3641066

PO Box 7389

Ventura, CA 93006

(805) 651-3906

www.avoicediscovered.com



info@avoicediscovered.com

AAC Family/Caregiver Support Group Annual Holiday Party

The AVD AAC Parent/Caregiver Support Group ended the year with our 1st Annual Holiday Party on December 19th at the Ventura County Community Foundation in Camarillo and it was a blast! A great time was had by all with snacks, crafts, letters to Santa and a visit with Santa! Everyone had a chance to compose a letter to Santa using their various communication systems and then meet with Santa to share what they wanted for Christmas. Santa did such a great job that some made multiple visits and even the most reluctant kiddos made a visit to him by the end of the evening. Thank you to Linda Kroenke for organizing the event, Tammy Brandt for setting up and lending all of the beautiful decorations, Kristel Minnock, Celeste Lopez, April Callis and Kris Carlson for volunteering to help with the craft table, and Chad Peplinski for playing Santa!



Casino Night Fundraiser

On October 21st we held our 4th annual Casino Night at Four Brix Winery. It was a fun event with many returning attendees as well as new faces! Because of all of the great donations that we received for our silent auction we had a large selection of fantastic items! Thank you again to our sponsors: Four Brix Winery, Ventura Kiwanis Club, The Arc of Ventura County, Newbury Park Dentistry for Children and Billy Dz Backyard BBQ! Thank you to all of the silent auction donors, many of whom are businesses local to Ventura and thank you to everyone who attended or supported our event! We couldn't have done it without you! Money raised will help us to continue our grant program providing funding to people who need AAC services and equipment. For the 3rd year in a row, a portion of our proceeds will be donated to The Arc of Ventura County to support their Digital Literacy Project, which provides iPads with communication apps to people in their program who require AAC as well as training for the staff on how to interact with people who communicate using AAC.



Now Accepting Grants for 2018

We are excited to be able to continue our grant program in 2018 at the same level as 2017. We will have 5 grants at up to \$1500 each for individuals and/or organizations. We are accepting grant applications now for 2018. The grant committee will begin review of grant applications in January. We have already received a couple of applications for 2018 and if we meet our quota early in the year again, we will reinstate Targeted Fundraising as we did in 2017. Please see our website for more information www.avoicediscovered.com or email us if you have any questions at grants@avoicediscovered.com or info@avoicediscovered.com. Follow us on Facebook for updates.

Lending Library

Each year we add a little to our lending library. Currently we have 2 iPads with cases and a variety of communication apps and switch accessible apps, a few different switches, a couple of switch accessible toys, and mounts for the switches and iPads. This year we have added a few more switches, a bluetooth switch interface for the iPad, switch accessible toys and keyguards for the iPad. All of these items are available for a 4-6 week loan to families and professionals in Ventura County. Please contact us at linda@avoicediscovered.com or traci@avoicediscovered.com for more information, to give us any suggestions for future purchases or to borrow an item or two.