

A Voice Discovered

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CURRENT EVENTS

What an amazing year it has been so far for A Voice Discovered! We have had the exciting opportunity to fulfill our first organizational grant to the Arc of Ventura County; an organization that serves individuals in the community with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Last year The Arc received a large grant to fund the purchase of iPads and communication apps through The Disability Communications Fund to support the communication needs of their participants. They realized, however, that they would need assistance to implement their communication program through staff training, consultation and hands-on implementation support. A Voice Discovered provided The Arc of Ventura County with 2 grants to fund services that would support the implementation of their iPads for communication program. Andy Mack from the Arc has been instrumental in the execution of the communication program and has kept us up to date on the progress with photos and videos of the participants and staff using the iPads to communicate. These adults are now able to not only express their wants and needs but also give their opinions, preferences, share information as well as many other things that they would otherwise have not been able to do. This has been an exciting partnership! We want to commend The Arc of Ventura County and especially Andy Mack, Paula Johnson, Mary Sawyer, Juan Garcia and the staff at the A Street and Arcade programs for their support and continued effort to improve the quality of life for these individuals within our community! We at A Voice Discovered look forward to continuing our partnership with The Arc of Ventura County to further support implementation of their communication program.



Upcoming Events

2nd Annual Casino Night and Silent Auction Fundraiser

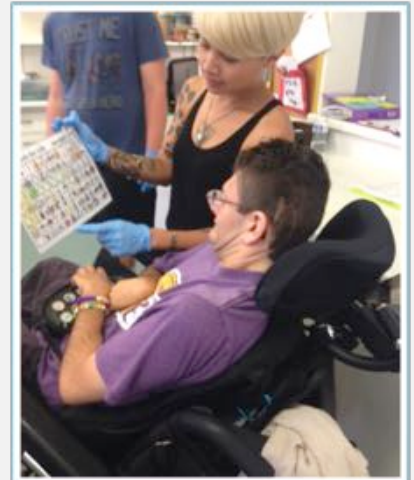
Date – November 21st 2015

Time – 6:00-10:00 PM

Location -- Four Brix Winery, Ventura, CA

Important Announcement

AVD provides grants to The Arc of Ventura County to benefit the adults participating in their start-up communication program.



Angie talks to Zach during a healthy cooking lesson using a static communication board.

2nd Annual Casino Night and Silent Auction

Do you want a night out with your husband, wife, best friend, etc. that involves gambling, prizes, drinking and giving the gift of communication? Then you won't want to miss the 2nd Annual Casino Night and Silent Auction Fundraiser. **This year a portion of the proceeds will be donated to The Arc of Ventura County to provide continued funding support for their iPads for Communication program implementation.** Aces and 8s will provide the entertainment, Four Brix will provide the wine and The Underground Gourmet Food Truck will be providing the delicious food! Mark your calendars for November 21st from 6-10 pm. Tickets (\$40 in advance, \$50 at the door) are limited, so please visit <http://www.avoicediscovered.com/events.html> for more information on how to purchase tickets!



The Arc of Ventura County Communicaiton Program in Action!



Stephanie helps Gracie communicate with the iPad at The Arc of Ventura County's Arcade Program in Ventura



The staff from The Arc of Ventura County's A Street Program in Oxnard learn about communication systems