

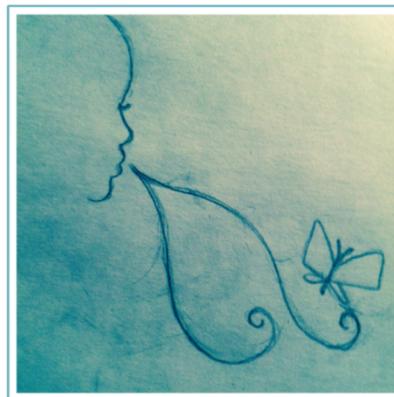
# A Voice Discovered

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## Upcoming Events

### AAC Parent Group

Summer Playdate – July 22<sup>nd</sup>

Location -- TBD

Information Meeting --  
Summer 2016

Coffee Meet-up – Fall 2016

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Casino Night and Silent Auction

**When** – October 8<sup>th</sup> 2016

**Where** – Four Brix Winery,  
Ventura, CA

2015 was yet another great year for AVD and 2016 is looking to be just as fantastic! In 2015 we provided organization grants to The Arc of Ventura County to assist in funding training to the staff and consultation to the clients with complex communication needs who were learning to use iPads to communicate. AVD also provided 2 individual grants for necessary AAC services in the form of an AAC assessment and AAC therapy.

## AVD Individual Grants



One of the main purposes of A Voice Discovered is to provide funding assistance to people with complex communication needs so that they can receive either services (e.g., AAC assessment, AAC therapy, training, etc.) or the equipment necessary to communicate.

One of the individual grants provided this year was to a young man named Victor who is a middle school student in Santa Paula. Victor received a high tech speech generating device (Accent 1400 by Prentke Romich Company) but required a mount in order to attach it to his power

## Important Announcements

AVD has already approved grants for 3 individuals in 2016 to receive necessary AAC services and AAC equipment.

AVD continues to have grant money for organizations.

chair. His speech and language pathologist, Liz Perez, was able to secure the funding for the device but not the mount. She contacted AVD and we were able to help. Now Victor is able to transport the device safely between home and school so that he has it with him at all times! According to Liz he was so excited to be able to tell his mom "I love you!"

### **AAC Parent Support Group**

Our AAC Parent Group is growing! We surveyed the parents this January in order to learn more about the types of activities they value. In February we held our first coffee meet-up at Element Coffee in Camarillo. Our largest event so far this year was a Family Egg hunt. We had moms, dads, siblings and even a grandmother gathering eggs, eating, playing and COMMUNICATING. Our 2nd coffee meet-up was a time to appreciate our parents who also happen to be the primary communication partners for their children at the Starbucks at Las Posas Plaza in Camarillo. We provided treats as a small "thank you" to our dedicated parents. If you have any questions or would like to be added to our AAC Parent Support Group List please email Linda Kroenke – [Linda@avoicediscovered.com](mailto:Linda@avoicediscovered.com) . Also like us on Facebook to get updates about upcoming events.

### **2016 Goals**

Our goals for 2016 include to continue to spread the word about our mission and what we can do for people with complex communication needs by attending local events and providing local informational workshops. We are also looking to assist not only with individuals who need assistance but organizations who need assistance to provide services to people with complex communication needs. Please pass along our information to anyone who may be interested. If you are interested in information about AAC, funding for AAC and/or AAC information workshops please contact us at [info@avoicediscovered.com](mailto:info@avoicediscovered.com)

### **Volunteer Opportunities**

We are looking for fundraising volunteers to help with planning as well as contacting businesses for sponsorships and donations for our Casino Night Fundraiser on October 8<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in supporting us in any of our upcoming events, please email [info@avoicediscovered.com](mailto:info@avoicediscovered.com) or if you know of any local events that we should attend to spread our information please let us know.

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