



Changing Lives. Creating Community.

VALLEYLIFE Fact Sheet

ABOUT US

VALLEYLIFE is a nonprofit organization that provides premier services to individuals with disabilities to enhance their quality of life. We are committed to helping people with disabilities in our community by enriching their lives with rewarding experiences and valuable opportunities. We enable them to live a life with choices, independence and dignity. Our services are delivered through our caring and dedicated staff, specialized programs and advocacy.

VALLEYLIFE Members' diagnoses range from physical, developmental and cognitive disabilities to behavioral health issues, age-related conditions, mental illness and traumatic brain injury. Since we serve such a broad spectrum of disabilities, we have an in-depth understanding of how to meet the unique needs of each and every person we support.

VALLEYLIFE offers job development and placement services focusing on assisting Members in finding and maintaining desired employment in the community.

MISSION

To enhance the quality of life of people with disabilities.

VALUES

Respect - Provide a healthy environment and treat each other with respect and dignity.

Integrity - Use integrity as the cornerstone of our business practices.

Honesty - Build and maintain an honest relationship with each of our stakeholders.

Responsibility - Recognize that good stewardship is essential to our future success and a responsibility to our Members and funding sources.

Innovation - Acknowledge and respond to change as an opportunity to innovate and learn.

Impact - Contribute positively to our community and environment.

Diversity - Embrace diversity as an essential component in the way we do business.

HISTORY

VALLEYLIFE was established in 1947 by Bernice Kussell, who opened her home as a residence for children with disabilities. When her new family outgrew her home, Mrs. Kussell moved to a larger property and founded Valley of the Sun School in 1950. As her school grew and her young children became adults, further programming was needed. In 1989, the school moved to a larger building where programs could be expanded and more individuals could be served. In 2009, the agency was rebranded as VALLEYLIFE. Currently, a staff of over 350 employees delivers services to nearly 500 Members annually.

FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

VALLEYLIFE is an Arizona 501(c)(3) nonprofit, tax-exempt organization with an overall annual operating budget of over \$20 million. We have very low overhead, at approximately 11 percent. This means that 89 cents of every dollar VALLEYLIFE receives goes directly to programs serving our Members. Our programs are funded by the Arizona Department of Economic Security (AZDES), the Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD), Mercy Care, revenue from our commercial contracts, program fees, fundraising events to benefit the VALLEYLIFE Foundation, and the generous contributions from our donors.

VISION

To have an environment where individuals with disabilities have access to an equal opportunity of living, loving and learning.

PROGRAMS

Residential Services - Provides a safe and healthy home environment for our Members. VALLEYLIFE owns and operates 27 group homes located in communities throughout the Phoenix metropolitan area.

Adult Day Services - Multiple locations in the greater Phoenix area offer day programs designed to improve independent living, social and recreational skills.

Vocational Services - Supports those who are seeking community employment. Vocational Services works to maximize the independence and productivity of individuals with disabilities, and jobs empower them to reduce or eliminate dependence on support services.

Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) - Customized in-home care and support for people with disabilities who want to remain in the comfort of their own home.