



The Valerie Fund Young Associate Newsletter

April 2010 Edition (*First One Ever!*)

Please feel free to forward this to anyone who might be interested in the VFYA program!

Recent Events!

March Madness Recap – We raised over \$3,000 for The Valerie Fund with 125 brackets submitted; a huge success and a great first event. We look forward to turning this into an annual tradition, so be sure to get your 2011 picks ready for TVF next year!

April VF Junior Board Meeting Held – Over 20 people met at O'Reilly's on 31st and 6th Avenue. We enjoyed some delicious food and held a productive meeting to plan upcoming events (see the full list below). We invite you (and any interested friends) to join the Junior Board at our next open board meeting in early June. Details and final date TBD.

Upcoming Social Events & Service Opportunities!

Cheers to the Valerie Fund II – Our next large meet and greet! Bring your friends for a 3-hour open bar happy hour Friday, April 23 from 6pm – 9pm at Johnny Utah's (25 West 51st Street). The open bar is \$30 (\$10 from every paid entry will be donated directly to The Valerie Fund), and the Mechanical Bull will be running all night!

Check out the Facebook event: www.facebook.com/?sk=events#!/event.php?eid=113475162011631

Mother's Day Bake Sale for The Valerie Fund – VF Junior Board Member Phoebe Lapine's amazing online food blog, *Big Girls, Small Kitchen* (she just got a book deal!) is partnering with *Baking for Good* to support The Valerie Fund. BFG allows supporters of registered charities to buy baked goods through their website, and the site donates 15% of purchases to the supporter's designated organization. Thanks to Phoebe's hard work, The Valerie Fund is now a registered cause on the BFG site and we will be running a VF Bake Sale from late April through Mother's Day, during which we can promote sales of Phoebe's featured dessert (PEANUT M&M BLONDIES!) on the BFG site. **Thanks to a special deal, 20% of every Blondie purchase goes directly to The Valerie Fund!**

Baking For Good / VF / BGSK Link: <http://bakingforgood.com/bakery/brownies-and-bars/bgsk-blondies>

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Lianne Bassin Performs at Rockwood Music Hall – One of our newest VF Young Associates, talented singer/songwriter Lianne Bassin, will be performing (she sings, she plays the Piano...she even plays the Ukulele!) at Rockwood Music Hall on Saturday, May 22nd at 3pm (RMH is located at 184 Allen Street just South of Houston St.). Lianne has generously offered to donate 100% of all musician tips she receives during the show to TVF. Admission is FREE (though we've heard rumors of a loosely-enforced 1drink minimum), so bring your friends!

The Valerie Fund's Annual 5K Walk – This hugely successful and heartwarming annual event is being held on Saturday, June 12th in Verona Park (Verona, NJ). The VF Junior Board will provide a free private bus to take all NYC-based VFYA participants to and from the event. Young Associates can join together on a team, and oh yes, there will be VFYA T-Shirts for all participants! The Walk is only a \$15 (suggested) admission and it doesn't start until 10am (pretty late by charity 5K standards, if we may say so ourselves!)

Link to the 5K site: <http://www.thevaleriefund.org/walk/>

VFYA Summer Picnic with Elementary School Recess Sports – Come out to Central Park on Saturday July 11th to join current and prospective young associates for an entertaining afternoon, complete with a potluck-style picnic. Throughout the afternoon we will play your favorite games from back in the day: Red Rover, Duck Duck Goose, Spud, Sharks & Minnows, Kickball, Dodgeball, the list goes on. The event is completely FREE and is aimed at connecting Young Associates in a fun context, while recruiting new ones to help out with our efforts in the future. Interested in helping plan part of the food or games? Let us know!

Volunteer Opportunities Under Development! – The VF Junior Board and Young Associate Coordinators are working to develop a variety of programs through which interested VFYAs can help our young patients at Columbia Presbyterian Medical Center (and Morgan Stanley Children's Hospital), located in upper Manhattan. More details to come at the next open board meeting in early June.

Get In Touch / Learn More!

Link to our Facebook Fan Page: <http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=113475162011631#!/pages/The-Young-Associates-of-The-Valerie-Fund/111952408818023?ref=mf>

Follow us on Twitter: <http://twitter.com/valfundyoassoc>

Young Associate Recruitment Portal: <http://www.thevaleriefund.org/about/youngAssociates.php>

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