



# CAL-VALLEY CONNECTION

## *Distracted Driving Awareness*

April is Distracted Driving Awareness Month and it is always a great reminder of the importance to stay alert while behind the wheel. This annual campaign spreads awareness about the dangers of distracted driving and encourages safe driving to everyone on the road. Here are a few tips to help avoid distractions while you drive:

**Put your phone away.** Your smartphone is easily one of the biggest potential distractions. Put your phone away before driving to prevent the temptation of texting or any other use.

**Avoid multitasking.** Eating, drinking, adjusting the radio and personal grooming are just some examples of common multitasking distractions that should be avoided while driving.

**Plan your destination before leaving.** Be sure to program your destination into your GPS and review your route before you hit the road.

**Secure your possessions.** Driving with loose items rolling around may tempt you to reach for them while driving. Be sure to secure your possessions appropriately.

**Make sure passengers are properly secured.** When driving with passengers, make sure everyone is properly situated before leaving. Do not let your pets lay on your lap. Instead, keep them in the back seat.

## *Celebrating 38 Years in Business*

A couple weeks ago, we celebrated Cal-Valley's 38 years in business. We are so grateful for all our clients, partners, employees, and family. Thank you for all your support over the years. Most of us had been working from home since the beginning of the pandemic and we had just recently returned to working at the office. Management took this opportunity to get everyone together for an afternoon of fun.

This was the first time we were able to celebrate anything together, since we all returned to the office. We had a great time. Employees traveled from all over California to our Fresno Office and it was nice seeing everyone together again. It was a fun afternoon of great food, music, games, and lots of laughs. We look forward to many more years of service to our clients. You can view more photos of our fun-filled afternoon on the following page.





## Celebrating 38 Years in Business



## American Trucking Show

This weekend we participated in the American Trucking Show at the Fresno Fairgrounds. We had a booth set up on Friday and Saturday and were able to meet with people, not just in California, but from all over the country. We had a great time spending the weekend with the Trucking community, seeing some of our clients, and having the opportunity to converse with other specialists in the transportation industry. We look forward to attending this event again next year. Congratulations to our raffle winners!





## Quarterly Charity Update

It's hard to believe that we are already in the second quarter of the year, but we are happy to have raised \$1,045 for Valley Teen Ranch during the first quarter. Valley Teen Ranch is a great organization and to learn more about them, visit their website by clicking [here](#). We were also happy to donate three \$100 Visa Gift Cards to Habitat For Humanity last month for their Hearts and Hammers Annual Celebration raffle. You can check the Habitat For Humanity website [here](#).

Now we have turned our attention to supporting The Molly Steinsapir Foundation this quarter.

This Foundation honors the life and legacy of Molly Steinsapir, who sadly passed away last year at the age of 12. The Foundation's purpose is to advance charitable causes that Molly cared deeply about. For more information about The Molly Steinsapir Foundation, you can visit their website by clicking [here](#).



## Angels of Grace Easter

Our good friends over at Angels of Grace had an Easter celebration last week, and our very own Lisa Hitchcock was there to represent... as the Easter Bunny! Lisa has been the Easter Bunny for this event before, and our employees are always looking to help Angels of Grace, and all of the charities that we have supported, however they can. It was a great day of easter egg hunting, good food, fun activities, magic tricks and beautiful weather. We look forward to partnering with Angels of Grace again for future events.



## LACF Conference

We recently participated in the 4th Annual Laotian American Educational Conference. We were excited to be a part of the Career Exploration for students looking into the Business Finance field. There were over 400 students in attendance from the Fresno, Clovis, Central and Sanger school districts. Cal-Valley's, Anusone Keochai, is on the LACF board, and was a big part of the event.

There was also a guest speaker at the conference, Andre "The Asian Sensation" Soukhamthath. Andre is the first Laotian American to compete in the UFC and he gave a great motivational speech to the students. This was a great educational conference and we look forward to participating in more LACF events in the future.

