



The Hagedorn Little Village School *Jack Joel Center for Special Children*

February 2023

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2023 Golden Rule Award Dinner

On Thursday evening February 2nd, Little Village honored our 2023 Golden Rule Award Recipient **Ira Rothblut** and our Founders Award Recipient **Armand D'Amato** at Heritage Club at Bethpage Park. It was a fantastic evening honoring two very deserving gentlemen!

We would like to thank our Grand Sponsor **Armand D'Amato**; our Dinner Sponsors **Ira Rothblut** and **LNK International, Inc.**; and our Cocktail Hour Sponsors **Senator Al D'Amato**, **Dr. Barbara Feingold**, and **Missy Weidhorn**.

Lastly, we would like to thank **Scott Miller** our long time auctioneer and our 2023 Golden Rule Award Dinner Committee for all of their outstanding efforts to make this a wonderful evening!

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HLVS Parent Association Bingo Night

Many thanks to our **Parent Association Board** for hosting another great Bingo Night filled with parents, staff, friends, and lots of fun! A special shout out to alumni parent **Vinny Causeman** for graciously offering to be our “caller” for the night. Can’t wait to see everyone at our next Bingo Night, date to be announced.





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Save the Date!

Honoring
Joe Mollica II,
CEO
LNK International, Inc.

**31st Annual
Golf Classic
June 12, 2023**



*Cold Spring Country Club •
22 E Gate Drive, Huntington,
NY 11743*

Look for future mailings!

Contact Jennifer Kirincic
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*The 2022
Little Village
Golf Classic!*



Room 82 Celebrates the Lunar New Year!



Viet Nam Vets Visit Little Village!

HLVS was once again the recipient of a very generous donation from the **Vietnam Veterans of America Nassau County New York Chapter 82**. Chapter 82 has been bringing holiday cheer and donating to the students at HLVS for over 40 years!

This year we utilized the donation to purchase items additional items for our new "Activity Center Room" This room is utilized by all of our classes, enabling all of our students the opportunity to use these new highly requested toys and activities.

Pictured from right to left are several members of Chapter 82, **Steve Bonom**, President, **Richard Guevara**, 1st Vice President, **Jon Feingold**, HLVS Executive Director and **Kevin Carpenter**.



We are most appreciative of the generosity of Chapter 82!

2023 Fashion Show!!! - March 30, 2023



Crest Hollow Country Club

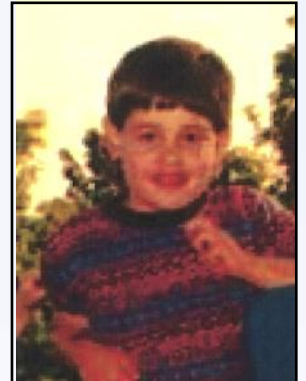
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Alumni News — Michael Alan Baldasare

Mike Baldasare, 35, is a 1992 graduate of The Hagedorn Little Village School. He now holds an A.A.S. Degree in Commercial Art/Digital Technologies from Nassau Community College, and received a Regents Diploma from Valley Stream North High School.

Each year Mike presents the *Michael Alan Baldasare Achievement Award* to one student from each of the three Valley Stream high schools who has benefited from Special Education. Mike has been competitively employed in various positions since age 19. He worked part-time for CVS for 15 years. Concurrently, he compiled and entered data at the *Nassau County African American Museum*, and the *Old Bethpage Village Restoration*. Subsequently, he was employed as an office assistant for seven years at *Guardian Life Insurance*.



**Mike as a
Little Village
Student in 1991**



Mike and His Mom Today

Currently, Mike is working in a Civil Service office position for the *Village of Valley Stream*. Mike has also been a sought after public speaker on the topic of living with autism and has been the Keynote Speaker at several conferences. He owns, but now has little time to engage in his microenterprise, "*Inspiration Speaks*," a greeting card design and production venture. Mike is also a "cartoonist," and one of his alphabet cartoons was exhibited and sold a few years ago.

Mike has taken private photography lessons from a professional photographer and loves to post his vacation pics on social media. He has a personal trainer, works out regularly at *LA Fitness*, runs 5k and 4 mile races and enjoys walking long distances. His other interests include personal website development, *Instagram* and *Facebook* contributions, eating out on weekends in a variety of restaurants, joining social events hosted by the JCC, seeing movies and shows, and engaging in local and distant travel. Mike is a Nassau County bus and railroad aficionado, and his independent air travel has taken him as far as Miami Beach, FL, Columbia, SC, and Atlanta, GA.



Due to the pandemic, his travels have been limited, however, this past May Mike visited the Destiny USA Mall in Syracuse, and in October he spent a long weekend in Atlantic City. Mike lives independently in his own apartment with little assistance. As a valued citizen, Mike also independently served jury duty. He leads a self-directed life where he benefits from individual supports to further his major life goals. Everyone at Little Village congratulates Mike and wishes him all the best in the years to come!