



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

April 2023 Newsletter

2023 HLVS Parent Association Fashion Show

Thank you to the HLVS Parent Association for a wonderful event! A special thanks to our Fashion Show Chairpersons **Kristin Maisano**, **Lily Caruso** and **Melanie Biscuiti** and Committee Members: Stephanie Cerreta, Li Chang, Katie Loeffler, Donna Mari, Tanya McFarland, Sapana Nariramani, Monique Nelson, Danielle Ruggiero, Caitlin Schellhorn, Melissa Flick and Anna Szelaszyk.

We would also like to thank our Bronze sponsor **Derell & Charice Wilson** and **Monica Pearl** (HLVS parent) and her team from Bella Luna Salon for donating our models' hair and makeup, the **Caruso, Schellhorn & Maisano** Families for donating the balloons, the **Biscuiti & Tomazic** families for donating the centerpieces and, **Greg & Melissa Rohman** for providing music. Lastly, congratulations to our **Anne Partridge Spirit Award** recipients, alumni parents **Vin and Dawne Causeman**!



Pictured from left: Patti Pizza, HLVS Principal, Dawne and Vinny Causeman, recipients of the *Anne Partridge Spirit Award*, Dr. Jon Feingold, HLVS Executive Director and Dr. Barbara Feingold, HLVS Co-Founder

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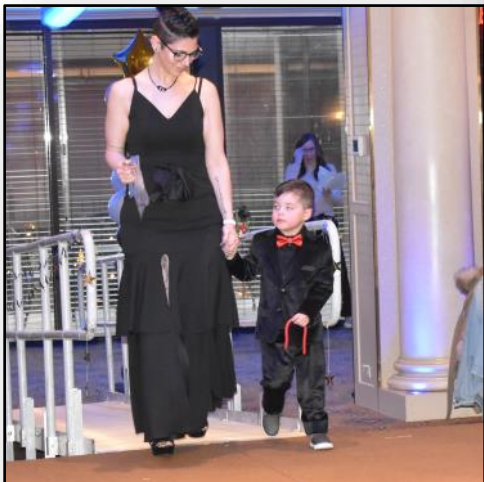
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Thank You Ridgewood Bank

Thank you to the Ridgewood Bank for a very generous donation made to Little Village.

Pictured to the right is **Tahmeed Kalam** from Ridgewood Bank with HLVS Executive Director, **Dr. Jon Feingold**.

Little Village is incredibly pleased with the generosity of Ridgewood Bank!

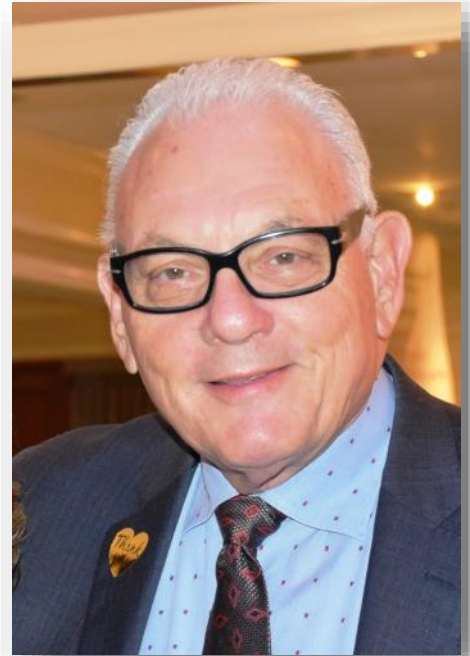


Long Time HLVS Board Member to Step Down

Thank you Gerry Levy! Recently, Gerry Levy stepped down from the HLVS Board. Gerry served on our Board of Directors for several decades. Among his many contributions, Gerry served on our Golden Rule Gala Committee, our Golf Committee, and he and his family were most-deserving recipients of our Golden Rule Award in 2019.

Gerry provided his counsel and support to our school's administration and fellow Board members throughout his years of service. He was an active part of our governing team that enabled our school to provide critical services to thousands of families during his tenure with us. Gerry and his family have been active and generous contributors to HLVS. We are extremely grateful for all that Gerry and his family have done for us!

We wish Gerry and his wife Sue, much happiness as they move forward!



Free Legal and Financial Seminar

On Thursday, May 18, 2023 **Andrew Cohen, Esq.** and **Mitch Weisbrot, CLU** will present a Legal and Financial Seminar via zoom. The presentation will address the legal and financial preparations crucial to safeguarding assets and benefits for your special needs child.

Andrew and Mitch are Little Village Alumni fathers. Their personal experience and professional expertise enable them to help other parents navigate the confusing and emotional aspects of estate planning to best serve the interests of each special needs child.

Some topics of discussion include:

- ◆ Government benefits for individuals with disabilities
- ◆ How to accumulate and preserve assets without disqualifying eligibility for benefits
- ◆ Establishing guardianship
- ◆ Estate planning and wills
- ◆ Special needs trusts – how they work and why they're useful
- ◆ Strategies for funding trusts

The seminar begins at 7:00 p.m. and will run approximately 1 1/2 hours.

Meeting ID: 313 228 6798 ◆ Meeting Password: 0303

If you have questions, or to register for the seminar, please email **Helaine Hochman** at Helaine.hochman@littlevillage.org.

Puppet Show



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Parent Association Board Member Elections

The 2023 Parent Association Board Member elections are being held in May. We are very grateful to our current Board Members for all that they have done! All current or lifetime members of the PA are welcome to take part in our Board elections. If you are a parent of a student attending HLVS and have not yet joined our Parent Association, there is still time to join and take part in this process.

Please contact **Lainie Hochman** at Helaine.Hochman@littlevillage.org or **Jennifer Kirincic** at Jennifer.Kirincic@littlevillage.org on or before Friday, May 5th with any questions. Personal statements of all prospective candidates for Board Member positions will be distributed to our PA members prior to the election.

SUNY Old Westbury Donation

Little Village received a beautiful donation of coloring books from **SUNY Old Westbury**. The theme was “Acts of Kindness” for the month of February. The students chose Little Village and wrote a personalized message to go along with each coloring book. We greatly appreciate the kindness and generosity of SUNY Old Westbury!



Pictured above from left to right: **Wendy Sciubba**, HLVS Assistant Principal; **Precious Richards**, Chartwells Marketing Intern at SUNY Old Westbury; **Sheila Meehan**, General Manager of Chartwells Higher Ed at SUNY Old Westbury; **Michael Gulczynski**, Chartwells Higher Education District Manager; **Allison Siena**, District Marketing Manager for Chartwells Higher Education



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