



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

**December 2023**

# *Giving Tuesday!*

**Thank you** to all of our amazing supporters who contributed to Little Village for Giving Tuesday! There is still time to donate by visiting our website at [www.littlevillage.org](http://www.littlevillage.org) or using the **QR Code** at the bottom of this page. If you missed our special Giving Tuesday presentation you can watch it at any time on YouTube at:

**<https://youtu.be/oWdvCUNQM04>**

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# Make A Wish Foundation

**Anthony** from Room 61 had a once in a life time experience with his family thanks to the **Make a Wish Foundation** and the **New York Giants**! Anthony and his family had the opportunity to meet the Giants players, eat lunch with them, have a private tour and access to the football field!

If you see Anthony in the hallway, ask him how it was! He would love to share!!





# *Sewanhakabilities*

**Jaime Celona** an HLVS Parent is an advisor for a new club at the school where she teaches in Floral Park, Sewanhaka High School. The club is called "*Sewanhakabilities*" where many of the members have IEP's. The club is focused on promoting inclusion.

Jaime's goals for this year are to have a great number of club members (which she does) provide a safe, nurturing space for Sewanaka's Middle and High School students with Special Needs to hang out in the club and to make it fun experience with snacks and events at the school throughout the year. Her further goal was to spread awareness about disabilities and the importance of inclusion online through Instagram, and to fundraise and donate those funds to good causes related to Special Education.

The club fundraises during the school year as they spread awareness related to disabilities and inclusion. They have had two fundraisers so far this year both benefiting Little Village with more to come!

Everyone at Little Village thanks Jaime and the all the students of "*Sewanhakabilities*" for all you do and for supporting Little Village!



**Several *Sewanhakabilities* club members**



*Save the Date!*



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**Thursday February 1, 2024**



Golden Rule Award Recipient  
***Dr. Ellen B. Shields***

***2024 Golden Rule Award  
Dinner!!***

**The Heritage Club**  
Bethpage, New York  
6-10pm



Founders Award Recipient  
***Patti Pizza***

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***The 2023  
Golden  
Rule  
Award  
Dinner!***





# *Playground Fun On a Beautiful Autumn Day*









# *Learning About Scarecrows and Farming in Room In Room 6*





# *Having Fun at Gym!*





# Alumni Visit

**Hayden Maran**, an alumni student, and his parents surprised **Patti Pizza** with a visit and flowers to wish her well in retirement. He was celebrating his 16th birthday on that day, and wanted part of his birthday celebration to be at HLVS! He had the opportunity to see many people that he remembered from his 9 years attending HLVS .

Hayden currently attends CDD with many other alumni students. He is beginning vocational training and currently is involved in gardening projects at the Syosset Railroad Station. It was great to see Hayden and his parents!



**Left:** Hayden with his dad and mom with Patti Pizza (flowers)



**Right:** Hayden with Patti Pizza and Executive Director, Dr. Jon Feingold

**31st Annual Golf Classic**  
Monday, June 10, 2024



**2024 Fashion Show**  
April 4, 2024

