

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

# 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** 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

We would like to especially thank and recognize our Giving Tuesday Sponsors:

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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!







## 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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### The Hagedorn Little Village School

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Thursday February 1, 2024



2024 Golden Rule Award Dinner!!

The Heritage Club Bethpage, New York 6-10pm



Founders Award Recipient

Patti Pizza

Golden Rule Award Recipient

Dr. Ellen B. Shields

For information, please contact Jennifer Kirincic at 516-520-6043 or by email at Jennifer.Kirincic@littlevillage.org













The 2023
Golden
Rule
Award
Dinner!



## Playground Fun On a Beautiful Autumn Day



















Thanksgiving Donations!

Thank you to HLVS Board Member Adam Haber for his kindness and generosity during the Thanksgiving holiday! Adam donated complete Thanksgiving Dinners to 13 of our Little Village families, as well as many others throughout Long Island that were in need.

Adam was joined by several friends in delivering to various locations. Thank you Adam, for demonstrating what it means to care for others during this holiday season!

Pictured from left to right are HLVS Executive Director **Dr. Jon Feingold**, HLVS Board of Trustee Member **Adam Haber**, **Max Whitman** and **Peter Wagner**. Also participating but not pictured were **Jeff Kozuch** and **Joel Landstein**.



## The Giving Tree

Celebrating the generosity and uniqueness of The Hagedorn Little Village Family

*The Giving Tree* is an annual effort that Little Village staff helps families in need. The Giving Tree contains leaves with gift ideas written on each leaf. A staff member takes a leaf, buys a gift which is subsequently donated to our students' families that are in need. In addition to Little Village staff, parents and friends of Little Village also contribute to this great cause. As of this date, HLVS staff have helped 17 families this year!

Thank you to all the Little Village staff who once again helped make this a great success!



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



## Having Fun at Gym!













### Alumní Vísít

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







