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Former HLVS Student Tom Filoramo

In 1985, one of Little Village's current Principals, **Patti Pizza**, was a classroom teacher at the school. One of her students that year was a little boy named **Tom Filoramo**. Recently, Tom, who is now a Special Education Teacher and has his Doctorate in Education, reached out to Patti and here is his story:

Subject: Hello Ms. Pizza. I am curious if you remember me?

Hello I am reaching out to you to sort of "reintroduce" myself. My name is Tom Filoramo. I googled your name and I am astonished to see that you are still a staff member at the school and after all these years. I thought that I would reach out to you.

I was a student of yours **many, many** years ago at Little Village School. I enrolled in 1985 and had graduated in '86. I must have been about 4 or 5. I do remember being in your class and also having a woman named **Jane** as one of the other teachers in the room. Unfortunately my memory is limited, but I do remember events such as going to the circus, my graduation and other class parties. I also remember the house parties you would host at your house for parents and the kids.

One memory in particular I do have of you was after I had graduated Little Village and was about to start Kindergarten. My mom had invited you to her house for coffee or tea. I remember showing you my toys. At that time she was living in Lynbrook and our old house was walking distance from a nearby park. As a present, you had brought over for me a little league ball and baseball bat that you had given me to play with. The three of us were playing by the baseball diamond and then left to feed the ducks or hang out by the playground area. I had left the ball and bat by the fence and then upon returning to that area we noticed that another little boy about a year or two younger than me had picked it up thinking that it was ok to take it. When we had to reclaim it from the boy the poor kid started hysterically crying.

Anyway, my mom and I have never forgotten you after all these years. Every time we talk about my early childhood and revisit all those memories, my mom has always described you as one of the kindest people whom she ever knew. I am presently a teacher myself. I have been mainly students with intellectual and behavioral disabilities for the past 15 years. Here is a recent picture of me since I am no longer on any social media sites.



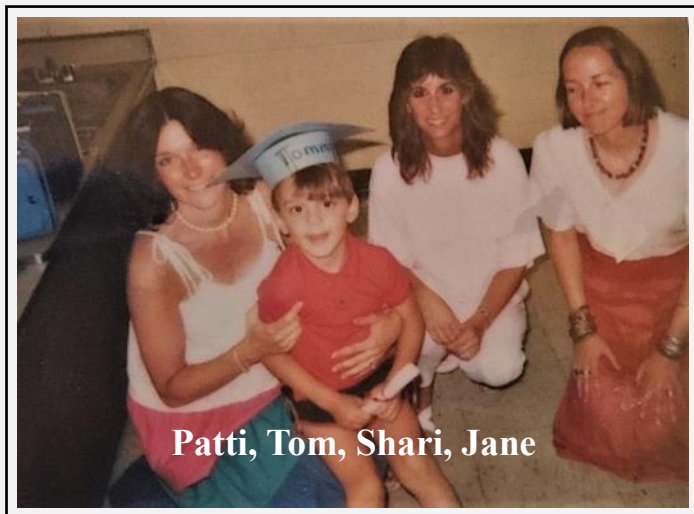
The other day I visited my mom and we were going through old family photo albums and I saw pictures of me and you as well as the other teachers in the classroom. (I wonder how they are doing now?) I would like to share these pictures with you.

I am absolutely enthralled in learning about your tenure at Little Village (now the Hagedorn Village School). It is very rare to see that in this day and age. I think that your commitment in doing what you do servicing the needs of young children and their families after all these years is so important.

Anyway, please take care of yourself Ms. Pizza.

I'll remember you always,

Tom Filoramo



Hawaiian Day at Little Village



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Yoga Night

On Tuesday August 1st, one of Little Village's Assistant Teachers, **Meghan Priest**, a certified yoga instructor, held a Yoga class for our HLVS staff. A nominal fee was charged with the proceeds all donated back to Little Village. Thank you Meghan! All the staff that participated had a great experience!



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