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HLVS Alumna **Samantha Hein** (center) receiving
the 2026 *Drew Weidhorn Humanitarian Award*

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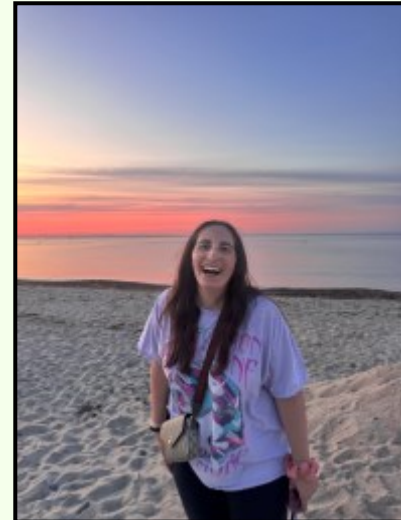
On Monday June 1st, Little Village held it's 34th annual golf outing at the beautiful Cold Spring Country Club. Little Village was proud to honor **Samantha Hein** with our annual *Drew Weidhorn Humanitarian Award*. More on **Samantha** will follow below.

Everyone at Little Village appreciates and thanks all of our players, dinner attendees, volunteers and sponsors for all the support in making this an amazing event which will positively impact our students and their families! All of our fantastic sponsors are all listed and recognized on the following pages!

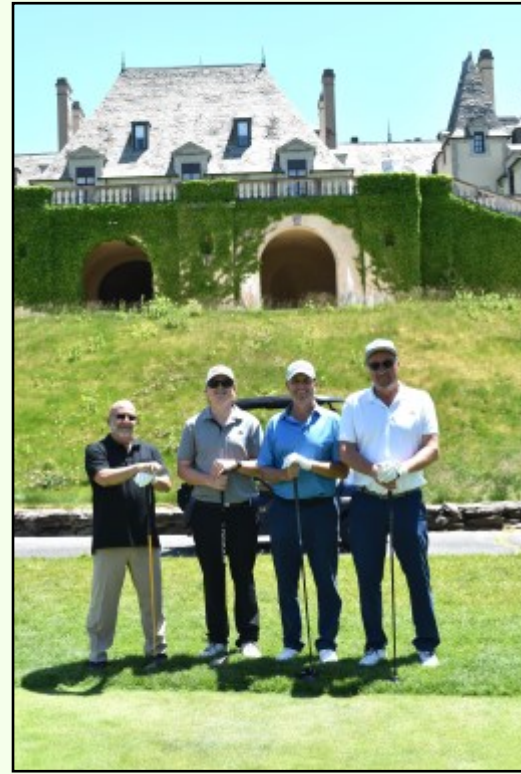
Samantha Hein has had a remarkable journey. Born prematurely with a rare chromosome deletion, Samantha faced early diagnoses suggesting she would never walk or talk. However, despite the odds, she has consistently proven those expectations wrong through her incredible strength, perseverance, and joyful spirit.

With the unwavering support of her parents, **Christopher** and **Joie** and her siblings, **Jessica**, **Dylan**, and **Jack**, Samantha has continued to thrive. Her progress was further bolstered by early intervention services at home starting from the moment she left the hospital. With the dedicated staff at Little Village, Samantha now 22, lives life fearlessly, participating in work, and activities such as skiing, surfing, and horseback riding with the same determination as her siblings.

The Hein family remains deeply grateful for the foundation of love, learning, and support provided by Little Village, which played such a vital role in her journey. Samantha truly remains the heart and glue of her family.



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We could not do what we do without your support!

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Getting “Buggy” in Room 25

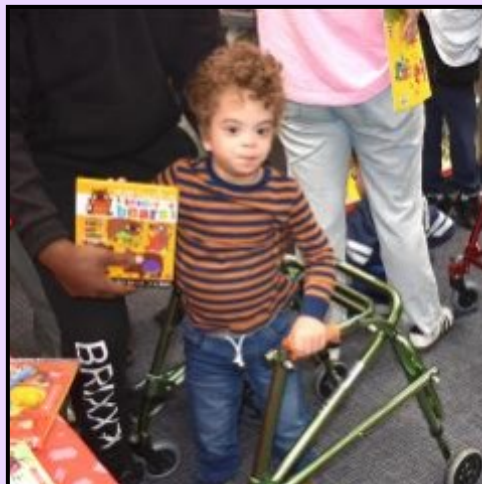
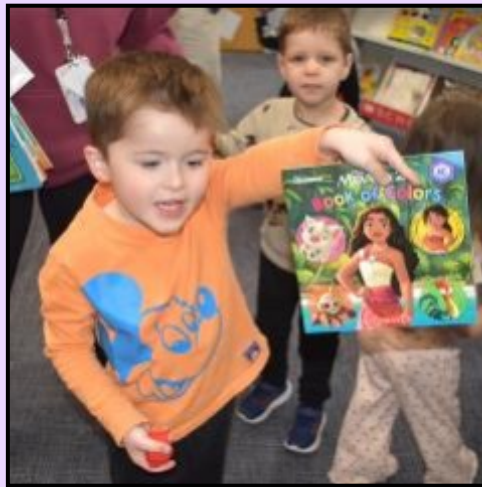


This month in Teacher **Denise McGowan's** class the students explored the exciting world of bugs and insects! The children enjoyed learning about caterpillars, butterflies, ladybugs, and more through stories, songs, and hands-on activities. One of their favorite books was *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*. The students loved following the caterpillar's journey as he ate through many different foods before transforming into a beautiful butterfly. The children had so much fun pretending to feed the caterpillar all of his yummy food!



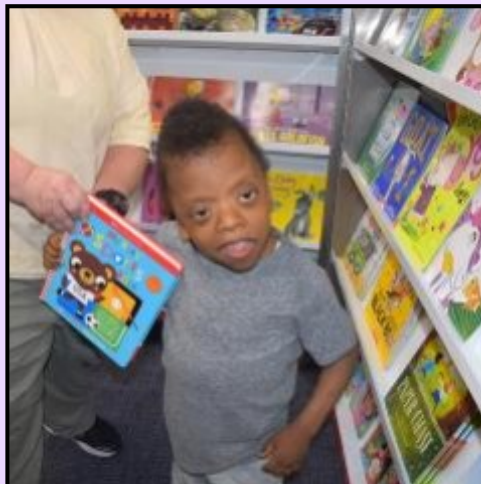


Book Fair!





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Donation in Support of Little Village!



Thank you to **Ridgewood Savings Bank** for the generous donation in support of our students!

Current Job Opportunities at Little Village

Little Village provides essential educational and therapeutic services to special children and their families. Integral to the success of Little Village are an exemplary staff. Below are our current open positions for both center-based and home-based programs. Find detailed job descriptions and requirements in addition to the ability to apply online at

<https://littlevillage.org/career-opportunities/>

Center-Based Opportunities:

- 12 month per diem Teacher Aide/Assistant
- 12 month salaried Teacher Aide/Assistant
- Full Time Permanent Substitute Special Education Teacher
 - Summer 2026 Teacher Aide/Assistant

Home Based Opportunities:

- Home Based Special Education Teacher
 - Physical Therapist – Part Time
 - Occupational Therapist – Part Time
- Special Education Itinerant Teacher (SEIT)
 - Speech Therapist – Part Time
 - Speech – Clinical Fellows
- On-Going Service Coordinators (EI)

Many of our full time positions include benefits such as:

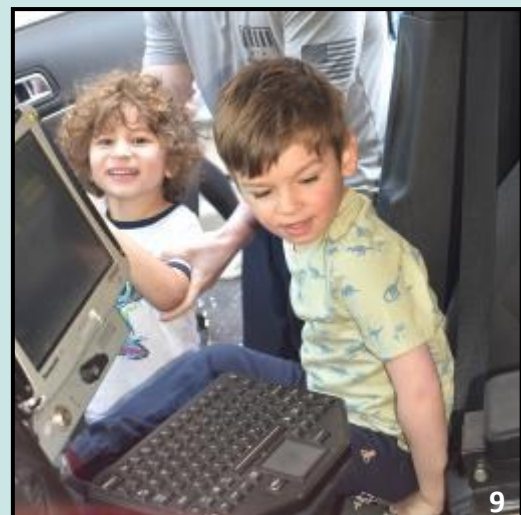
- 403(b)
- Vision insurance
- Health insurance
- Dental insurance
- Paid time off
- Paid holidays

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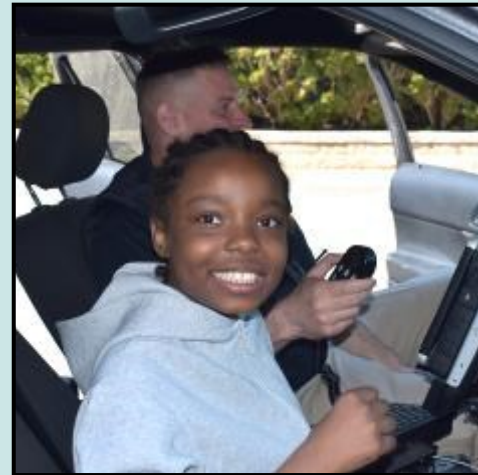


Fifteen year old high school student **Brandon Dorf**, inspired by his brother **Zach**, founded the ***Pay It Forward Dorf Foundation***, an organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals with autism and promoting community awareness. As part of that mission, Brandon arranged for two police officers to visit the Little Village. It was a wonderful and exciting day for our children. The children heard a story about the job of a police officer, tried on police gear and were even able to sit in a police car.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Brandon and the police officers for creating this wonderful experience for our students!



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Parent Association Staff Appreciation Luncheon

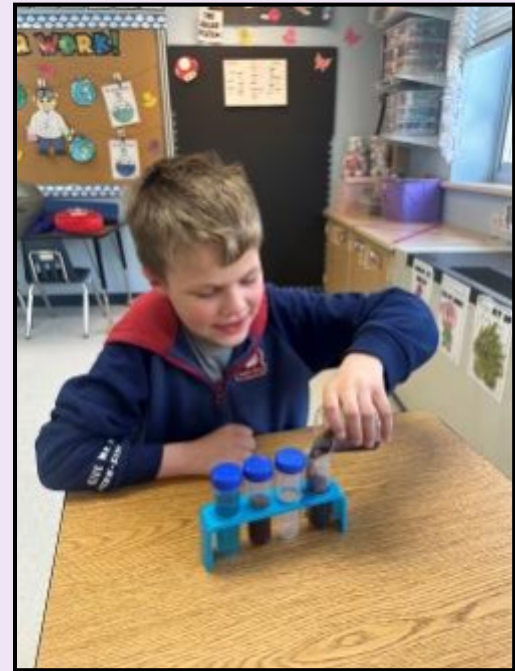
Little Village celebrated *Staff Appreciation Week* from May 4th – May 8th recognizing the amazing and dedicated staff that work with our students and families every day. The week was filled with raffles, prizes and treats such as hot pretzels, bagels and an amazing luncheon provided by our wonderful Parent Association. Thank you to our PA Board members, **Li Chang, Breanna Jordan, and Amber McKiel** for chairing this event.

Thank you also to the **Cairo Family** for donating bags of chips at the luncheon, to **Cynthia Trujillo** for the donation of chocolate box giveaways, and **Maria Morales** for making sure all staff members got a treat!



Studying Science in Room 59

The students in Teacher **Carlyn Cooke's** class are science investigators. The students learned about different types of scientists and science tools. They practiced science safety and used their tools and skills to explore the world around them. The students conducted and observed experiments such as a walking rainbow and exploding volcano!



Astronaut Visits With Little Village Students



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Room 63 Learning About Seeds and Plants

Classroom Teacher **Caitlyn Auricchio** and the children in Room 63 have been learning all about plants! Each student planted their own seeds in a cup of soil and have enjoyed watering them this past week. The students are excited to watch their plants begin to sprout!



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