

# Annual Harvest Reception

## Sowing the Seed and Reaping the Dream 2013

**O**n Thursday, October 3, 2013, the Valley Central Education Foundation hosted its Second Annual Harvest Reception at Osiris Country Club, Walden, NY. This year, they honored two people in the Valley Central community who are examples of "Sowing the Seed and Reaping the Dream," Ms. Anne Sussdorff and Mr. Patrick Carfizzi.

Mrs. Anne Sussdorff began her career in Valley Central as a student teacher in 1971. Her first teaching job was as a reading teacher in the Middle School. In 1976, she was hired to teach Remedial Reading at Walden Elementary. In 1980, she became a half-time Assistant Principal at Walden Elementary and half-time Coordinator of Compensatory Education. In July of 1997, she became the Principal of Maybrook Elementary and during that time was also the Director of Reading. She truly exemplifies our image of "sowing the seed" as she has had such a positive



Patrick Carfizzi

influence on the children of Valley Central for the past thirty years.

Mr. Patrick Carfizzi is a graduate of the Valley Central High School and is "reaping the dream" as he performs worldwide as a bass-baritone. He grew up playing piano, low brass instruments, and singing in chorus. After seeing his second opera, he decided that this was what he wanted to do for a living. After finishing his Master's degree at Yale University, he worked consistently for the past 14 years in North



Anne Sussdorff

America and Europe on some of the world's finest opera stages. He is a founding member of the ArtsLEAF program and volunteer, which provides mentoring services for young artists in the performing arts.

Valley Central Education Foundation is dedicated to enhancing, maintaining and promoting opportunities for students enrolled in the Valley Central School District while supporting creative educational initiatives.

The foundation is designed to bring together people with a shared vision for advancing the education programs of the Valley Central School District.

VCEF is a unique connection between the community and our children's educational success.

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