

# Celebrating the Graduating Class of 2020.

As we all know, 2020 has been a challenging and difficult year. However, the Little Village Community is as strong as ever! On Tuesday June 23rd, we celebrated our graduating class of 2020 with both a "Drive By Celebration" and also a virtual video graduation which can be found on our home page www.littlevillage.org. Congratulations Graduates!!

2020 also marked the 50th anniversary of Little Village! Unfortunately, our 50th Anniversary Gala had to be postponed and rescheduled for April 2, 2021 at *The Heritage Club at Bethpage*. We hope to you can join the celebration! More information about the event can be found in this newsletter.













### Thank You Debi Karlinski

#### **Dear Friends**,

Last month, Debi Karlinsky, a member of HLVS's administrative staff, retired after nearly 40 years with us. Debi began her career with us as a Movement Therapist and then worked as a Social Worker in our school. Debi was quickly promoted to overseeing first our Early Intervention Programs, and then our Related Service and SEIT Programs as well.

Debi has always been a passionate, creative, and ethical driver of the programs that she has overseen. Under her leadership, all of these critical programs expanded exponentially. Debi has also mentored countless therapists, teachers and program leaders. It is no exaggeration to say that thousands of families have benefited either directly from Debi's care and attention, or from the educational and therapeutic frameworks that she has put in place.

I, and the entire HLVS community, are grateful for all that Debi has done! She, as much as anyone in our 50 year history, has shaped the manner in which we fulfill our mission. While we will have to postpone our in-person celebration of Debi's



career, I am pleased to take the time now to acknowledge and thank Debi for all that she has done for our staff and families!

Debi, I hope that you and Kathy enjoy a healthy and fulfilling life during this next phase in your journey!

#### With admiration and gratitude,

Jon





Our Home-Based Team is Simpatico! We will miss you, Deb!







Happy Retirement, Debi! I wish all the best to you! Enjoy all things life has to offer. Thank you for being a supportive, caring boss and for always being there for me and my children. I will miss you! Love, Melissa

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### **Live Entertainment**

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### Master of Ceremonies

renowned comedian Joe Piscopo



### **2020 Social Media Photos**

The past several months have been incredibly difficult for everyone. We have tried to stay connect with our students and families through our Instagram and Facebook pages. Thanks to all of our staff who submitted pictures and thanks to Jennifer Kirincic for coordinating our social media. Here are some of our favorite pictures from the past several months!









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# **Thank You Little Village Parent Association!**

I would like thank the Little Village Parent Association for all of their incredible support this past year! Each

year, this group of dedicated individuals contribute to making our school community a welcoming and successful environment for our students and families. They meet year-round to support one another, welcome new parents, plan and run fundraising activities, and to offer assist with suggestions school planning. to

In particular, I would like to extend my gratitude to our incredible Parent Association Board Members. Thank you MaryAnne Hyland, Melissa Flick, Kristin Maisano, Mary Russell, and Melanie Biscuiti, for all of your efforts in organizing and planning so many fun and successful events, for helping me to understand and meet the needs of our families, and for helping to create an atmosphere where our parents can connect with one another in a supportive setting!

With Great appreciation,



Jon





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