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The Hagedorn Little Village School News



25th Annual Golf Outing

Little Village held its 25th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, May 23rd at the Cold Spring Country Club. It was a beautiful day and everyone had a great time. Golf was followed by cocktails, dinner and an exciting live auction. The day was a great success and everyone at Little Village appreciates the support of our golfers, sponsors and donors!

Thank you to co-chairs **Michael Raab** and **Jeff Lew** and all of our sponsors: **Gold Sponsor:** Charney Marketing Services; **Silver Sponsors:** LNK International, Inc. and Package All Corp.; **Bronze Sponsors:** CBS Coverage Group, The Andy Foundation, Mutual of America and the Double Eagle Agency; and our on course sponsors: Herman Katz Cangemi & Clyne, LLP; Tobacco Plaza, Nixon Peabody LLP, Steve Brian Kerr Foundation, John Badis XXPA LLC, The Bapis Group, Package All Corp. and Lincoln Land Services. **We greatly appreciate everyone's support!**



Letter From the Executive Director...

June, 2016

Dear Families and Friends,

I hope that you are well and getting ready for a terrific summer! We have had an exciting year here at The Hagedorn Little Village School, *Jack Joel Center for Special Children*; with some positive happenings, as well as some sorrows.



This year we said goodbye to one of our founders, Dr. Caryl Bank. Caryl was an innovator in our field. To many of us, she was a mentor, a friend, and an inspiration. Her life's work made a profound difference to thousands of families. Caryl will be missed by all!

Following the trajectory that Caryl and co-founder Dr. Barbara Feingold set in motion, Little Village continued to grow in response to the needs of our students and families. This past school year, we opened 3 new full-day classrooms. We also expanded our programs to provide services to children that do not attend Little Village, but do have need for specific therapies and interventions. These services are provided on-site, in the homes, and in other daycare/educational settings.

As always, we are able to provide our essential services thanks to an outstanding staff and a supportive community. Our parents, Board members, Committee members, volunteers, and kind benefactors have continued their efforts to ensure that Little Village thrives. If anyone is interested in learning more about our programs or wishes to become involved, please visit our newly redesigned website at www.littlevillage.org to learn of other opportunities to assist us with our efforts.

Thank you for taking the time to read about all that we are doing here at Little Village. And on behalf of our families, staff, and Board of Directors, thank you for your continued support! I hope that you and your loved ones enjoy a great summer!

Kind Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jon Feingold, Ph.D.".

Jon Feingold, Ph.D.
Executive Director

Please take a moment to check out our newly redesigned website and fundraising page:



www.littlevillage.org



fundraise.littlevillage.org

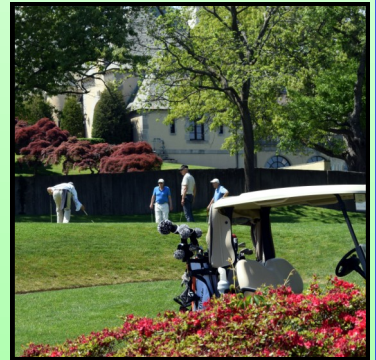
Little Village Remembers Co-Founder Caryl Bank

Earlier this year, The Hagedorn Little Village School family suffered a great loss when co-founder Dr. Caryl Bank passed away. In 1969, Caryl, along with co-founder Dr. Barbara Feingold, opened Little Village with one classroom and 3 children. Today, Little Village provides services to over 1,500 families each year.

Caryl was an innovator in the field of special education. She dedicated her life to helping children and their families. Caryl possessed an incredible energy, passion and drive for her work. She was an inspiration to many of us; and friend, mentor, and family as well. Thanks to her life's work, thousands of children have reached milestones they and their families never imagined possible. We are proud to carry on the work that Caryl inspired, in the school that she helped to create. She will be dearly missed!



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Little Village Receives Junior League Grant

Little Village is grateful to the **Junior League of Long Island** for awarding us a grant to fund the ***Dash and Dot*** program.

Dash & Dot are small robots that use Apps to help children think differently, learn about how things work and give them the tools to use technology in a new, creative manner on different levels.

The Junior League of Long Island has been generous to Little Village in the past and we are appreciative of the latest grant that will help us introduce this new technology to our children. Little Village depends on grants and the generosity of our friends and family to pilot new programs for our children.



2016 Golden Rule Award Dinner

On Thursday evening, January 21st, Little Village honored our 2016 Golden Rule Award Recipient **Peter Egan** (Nixon Peabody, LLP and alumni parent) and the Susan Weshler Memorial Award Recipients **Vincent and Carole Diorio** (Academy Mortgage Corp. and Little Village parents) at the Fresh Meadow Country Club.

We would like to thank our Grand Sponsor, Academy Mortgage Corporation and our three Cocktail Sponsors, LNK International, Package All Corp. and Thomas Moore of KDL&M. Lastly, we would like to recognize and thank our Golden Rule Award Dinner Chairperson, **Laurie Benjamin**, and Journal Chairperson, **Neil Levy** for all of their efforts and an outstanding evening.



**Golden Rule Award Recipient
Peter Egan and Little Village
Executive Director Dr. Jon Feingold**



**Susan Weshler Memorial Award
Recipients Vincent and Carole
Diorio with daughter Ali**



The 2016 Little Village Fashion Show

A very special thank you to **Kimberly Arezzi**, **Judy Corey**, and **Jeannine Eslinger**, Fashion Show Chairpersons and the entire committee for all their hard work preparing a wonderful Fashion Show! Our Little Villagers and staff walked the runway wearing their super heroes costumes. The evening was truly enjoyed by everyone!



Save the Date!

2016 Sleepy Hollow 5K Charity Run/Walk
Sunday, October 30, 2016 9:30 am
Brady Park - Lake Shore Drive Massapequa Park, NY

5K



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



2016 May Babysitting Night

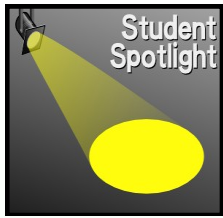
On Friday May 13th, Little Village hosted another spring Babysitting Night. Little Village staff and other volunteers gave our families a much deserved night out while the children and our volunteers had a great time!



3rd Academy Mortgage Casino Night Raises Money for Little Village

For the third year, Little Village parent, **Vinnie Diorio**, father of **Jimmy Diorio** a student at Little Village, held a Casino Night fundraiser to benefit our school. This year's event was held at the Huntington Hilton on Friday evening, April 1st. Mr. Diorio, President of **Academy Mortgage Corp.**, covered all of the expenses for the evening and donated the entire proceeds to help support Little Village and raise awareness of the critical services that Little Village provides. Thank you Vinnie and everyone who attended this great event!





Student Spotlight - Shannon Kirby

Shannon Kirby has been attending The Hagedorn Little Village School since January, 2010. While in school, she enjoys participating in school activities with her classmates, especially Group Movement and Girls Group.



Outside of school, Shannon is a very busy girl! She is captain of her cheerleading team, PAC Starz, at Platinum Athletics in Wantagh and she competed at the Battle of the Capital Special Needs Showcase in Washington, DC this past March. Shannon also enjoys playing flag football, playing baseball for the PAL Special Needs Division and swimming for the Levittown pools Splashing Stars. In addition to participating in sports, Shannon loves to cheer on the Mets, Jets and Giants. Her goal is to attend a Jets game this season.

When she is not involved in sports, Shannon can be found listening to Country Music. Her favorite singers are Luke Bryan and Blake Shelton. She is very close to her sister, Katelyn. Katelyn adores Shannon and calls her "my best friend". Shannon also spends time with her Grandma Marge helping her walk and taking care of anything she needs. Shannon is a kind and loving girl who loves being around her family and friends.

Shannon enjoys coming to school each day to be with her friends, teachers, assistants and therapists. She has learned so much over the past six years, and as much as she wishes she did not have to leave, she will be graduating HLVS this year.

Shannon is ready to start her new school, Wisdom Lane Middle School, in the fall as a 6th grader! We look forward to hearing about all of her future accomplishments.



MacArthur High School Holds 4th Annual Lacrosse For Autism Awareness Event



Little Village would once again like to thank the student body, staff, and families of **MacArthur High School** for supporting Little Village! On Friday, April 1st, the school's lacrosse team held their fourth annual "Lax For Autism" game. They raised money and awareness by selling t-shirts and raffles for a Chinese Auction. Proceeds from the game were donated to support Little Village. A special thank you to **John Nessler**, **Vin Causeman** and **Joseph Gallagher** for their support and thinking about Little Village.



Our Children and Events January Through May 2016

Bake Sale



Celebrating Dr. Seuss Day



Grandparents' Day



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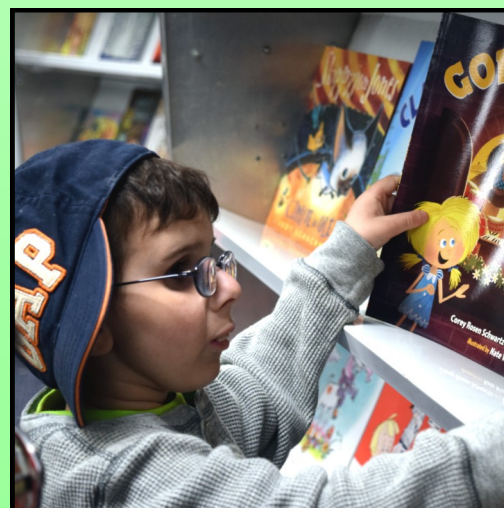
St. Patrick's Day



MacArthur High School Guitar Ensemble



Book Fair





Alumni Student Samantha Lademann

Recently, a young woman who attended Little Village in the early 80's reconnected with us. **Samantha Lademann**, who has Cerebral Palsy, graduated from Little Village in 1987.

Samantha has recently gone through major orthopedic surgery and lost over 100 pounds. She is now walking independently without the aide of any assistive device. She fondly recalls her days at Little Village. "I have very clear memories of coming into her (**Dr. Barbara Feingold's**) office on a "tummy board" (for flexing pelvic adductors) and being allowed to sit in her fancy desk chair and spin around in it as a reward for doing well in PT." She remembers her Physical Therapist **Chris Capobianco** and Teacher **Joyce Blau** (who are both still working at Little Village).

Samantha wanted to share her story *"to inspire someone else and perhaps provide hope to another patient be it another adult, a teen, or even the parents of a little one recently diagnosed w/ CP who might be wondering what the future could hold for their child years down the line. I wanted them to know there is hope and help out there and that a Cerebral Palsy diagnosis is not the end of the world - while every case is different, their child can still go on to have a great and fulfilling life... My work isn't done. I know I still have work to do but I WILL get there of that I'm certain. Sure, some days are harder than others and it's definitely not always easy but I've made the conscious choice to "work for it". I will not be a victim of Cerebral Palsy, RSD circumstances or anything else. Instead I choose to be grateful and appreciative of the blessings in my life. I am happy, Life is good!"*

We wish Samantha all the best going forward. She is truly an inspiration to all of us.



Samantha (left) in a recent photo

"Until no child needs us, we need you!"

There are many easy ways for you to support The Hagedorn Little Village School, *Jack Joel Center for Special Children* without the hassle of checks and mailings. You can call the school and make arrangements for your MasterCard, American Express or Visa credit card to be debited according to your wishes: One Time, Monthly, Quarterly, or Annually. Please contact **Tony Mazur** in the HLVS Accounting Department at 516-520-6030 to set up a schedule.

If you prefer to make your contribution online, please visit our web site at www.littlevillage.org and see the "To Contribute" page and look for the red "Donate Now" button. Donations can be one-time or recurring, be dedicated "on behalf of", "in honor of" or "in memory of" and may be made in any amount.

The children and staff of Little Village thank you and





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Little Village 5K Run • Sunday October 30, 2016 • Brady Park

Casino Night • Date to be Announced

Golden Rule Award Dinner • Thursday, January 19, 2017 •

Fresh Meadow Country Club

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