

# The Hagedorn Little Village School

## *Jack Joel Center for Special Children*

### February 2017 Newsletter

## 2017 Golden Rule Award Dinner

On Thursday evening, January 19th, Little Village honored our 2017 Golden Rule Award Recipient **Drew Weidhorn** and the Susan Weshler Memorial Award Recipient **Andrew M. Cohen, Esq.** at the Fresh Meadow Country Club. We would like to thank our two Grand Sponsors, Package All Corp. and Vitaquest International LLC and our Dinner Sponsor LNK International, Inc. 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 outstanding efforts to make this a wonderful evening.



**Drew Weidhorn**  
(pictured on left)  
receiving the *Golden Rule Award*;

**Dr. Jon Feingold**, Little Village Executive Director, with **Andrew M. Cohen, Esq.**  
(pictured on left) after receiving the *Susan Weshler Memorial*



## Little Village Dedicates Boardroom to Founders Drs. Caryl Bank and Barbara Feingold

On Thursday evening, February 2nd, Little Village dedicated its Boardroom to two amazing woman, Little Village founders: the late **Dr. Caryl Bank** and **Dr. Barbara Feingold**. A plaque commemorating Caryl's accomplishments was unveiled during the ceremony.

Pictured on left are:

Village of Massapequa Park Trustee Richard Begandy, Dr. Ellen Shields, Stan Goodman, Steven Bank, Dr. Michelle Bank, Town of Oyster Bay Supervisor Joe Saladino, N.Y. State Assemblywoman Missy Miller, Greg Carman, Doug Bausch, Dr. Barbara Feingold, Dr. Jon Feingold, Armand D'Amato, and Alicia Graczyk.





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## Evening Workshop For Parents and Professionals Working with Individuals with Autism

**Monday, March 6, 2017; 4:00pm to 7:00pm**

Little Village is approved by the NYS Education Department to provide mandated training in the needs of children with autism to new special education teachers seeking certification and new administrators and supervisors of Special Education programs. The three hour training program has been developed in accordance with the NYS Education Department's Autism Syllabus and is open to all who are interested. The training has been designed to educate professionals who assist in the treatment and educational process of those diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

**The cost is \$75.00 (free for parents of HLVS students and HLVS staff).  
All participants will receive a NY State Education Certificate of Completion.**

Space is limited. Please register in 5 days prior to the workshop. Check our website [Littlevillage.org](http://Littlevillage.org) for more information, including registration information. Follow the link for Professional Development. For more information, contact **Eileen Townsend Williams** at 516-520-6026 or by e-mail, **[Eileen.Williams@littlevillage.org](mailto:Eileen.Williams@littlevillage.org)**.



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## Financial Planning Seminar for Parents

On Monday, April 3, 2017 **Andrew Cohen, Esq.** and **Mitch Weisbrot**, CLU will present a Legal and Financial Seminar at Little Village. Little Village recently honored Andrew Cohen with the *Susan Weshler Memorial Award* at our Golden Rule Award Dinner. The presentation will address the legal and financial preparations crucial to safeguarding assets and benefits for your special needs child. Andrew and Mitch are Little Village Alumni fathers and have the professional expertise that enables them to help other parents navigate the confusing and emotional aspects of estate planning to best serve the interests of each special needs child.

Some topics of discussion include:

- Government benefits for individuals with disabilities
- How to accumulate and preserve assets without disqualifying eligibility for benefits
- Establishing guardianship
- Estate planning and wills
- Special needs trusts – how they work and why they're useful
- Strategies for funding trusts

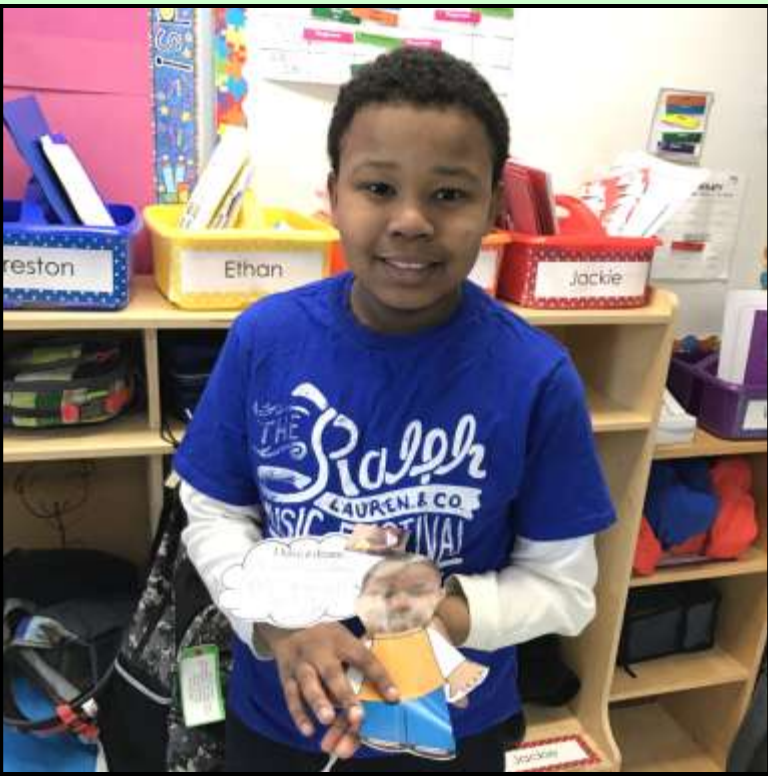
The seminar begins at 7:00 p.m. and will run approximately 1 1/2 hours. If you are interested in attending this free seminar, please contact **Janet Mouliere** at 516-250-6067 or email her at [Janet.mouliere@littlevillage.org](mailto:Janet.mouliere@littlevillage.org).





# Room 21 Learns About Martin Luther King

The children in Room 21 learned all about Martin Luther King and his "I Have a Dream" Speech. Teacher **Erin Gruosso** explained that sometimes dreams come true. The students then made their own dreams about things they hoped to come true one day!



# Room 61 Studies the Solar System

This month, the students in room 61 learned all about the solar system and the planets within it.

To end the unit, the students along with teacher **Kaity Meagher** went on a "trip through space" on a scavenger hunt to find all of the planets within the solar system!

The children had so much fun searching the halls of HLVS to find each planet and crossing it off on their worksheets!







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*Join us for Tee?*  
*Save the Date!*

**26th Annual  
Golf Classic**  
**June 5, 2017**



**Great New  
Venue!**

Look for future mailings.  
Contact Jennifer Kirincic  
516-520-6043 or  
Jennifer.kirincic  
@littlevillage.org  
For more information

### Classroom News

## Winter Fun in Room 11

The children in room 11 had a blast learning about the season of winter. Students made yummy snowflakes and snowmen during cooking. Teacher **Irene Dorotheos** had the children pretend to ice skate using paper plates as skates and go sledding in their classroom!







# Our HLVS Alumni are Making Us *P-R-O-U-D!*

Our HLVS Alumni are making us so P-R-O-U-D!

It's Spelling Bee season and look what two of our old friends and alumni, **Haley Causeman** and **Kyle McEntee**, are accomplishing!

Haley attends Levittown's East Broadway School, where she is in a 6-1-2 classroom. She mainstreams with a typical 3rd grade class every single day for all her 'specials' and other activities such as field trips and assemblies.



In January, Haley participated in the 2017 East Broadway School Spelling Bee. She began to learn a musical instrument this year (drums) in a typical music class. Additionally, Haley continues to dance, play lacrosse and will be playing baseball this spring. She is a busy bee and her family couldn't be more proud of her.



Kyle is in the eighth grade at the Seaford Middle School. This past December, Kyle won 3rd place in the Seaford Middle School Spelling Bee and was awarded a Barnes and Noble gift card! He plays trombone in the school band and takes piano lessons outside of school. His favorite subjects are math and science and he enjoys being in the science club.

During the summer, Kyle loves being part of Camp Anchor and throughout the school year, he enjoys Anchor's bowling and swimming programs. He is an active participant at his church, is halfway through his confirmation classes and hopes to make his Confirmation next year.

Congratulations to both Haley and Kyle for their amazing accomplishments. We could not be more proud!

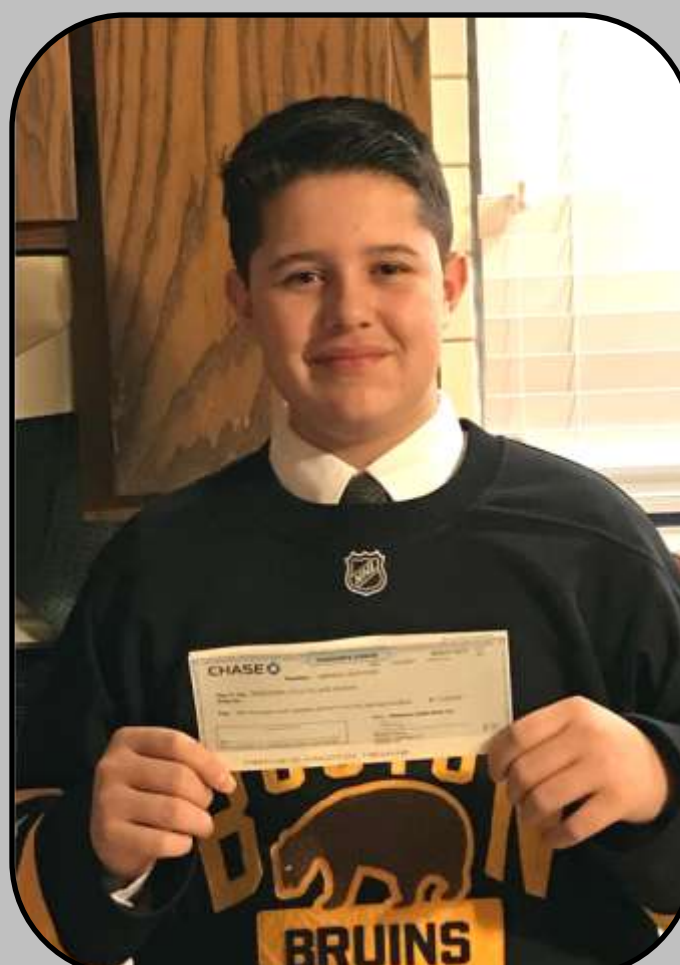


## Tyler Smith

**Tyler Smith**, the son of an HLVS Assistant Teacher, Marisol Zapataro, raised funds for HLVS by participating in the "*Home Runs That Help*" initiative.

Tyler played in the Power Showcase event in Miami and through a "go fund me" account was able to raise almost \$1,500. Thank you to everyone that supported Tyler during this event and thank you to Tyler for going to bat for Little Village!

**Tyler (on right) and pictured with the children from Room 8**





# MacArthur High School



## LAX for Autism



Pictured below (from left to right) are **Jennifer Kirincic** of Little Village, **Jack Nessler**, **John Nessler** and Little Village Executive Director **Dr. Jon Feingold**. John Nessler presented a check to Little Village from last year's MacArthur High School's fourth annual "Lax For Autism" game.



We greatly appreciate MacArthur's continuing support of Autism Awareness and Little Village.

# Vietnam Veterans Donation



We are again lucky to receive a generous donation from the *Vietnam Veterans of America #82 Nassau County Chapter*. On Monday, January 23, (veterans pictured left to right) **Bob Rydell**, **Steve Bonom**, Chapter President, **Paul Masi**, **Richard Guevara** and **Kevin Carpenter** came to visit the school and met with the children from room 8. **Kahlen Smith**, a student in Room 8, proudly thanked them for their service.

## Classroom News



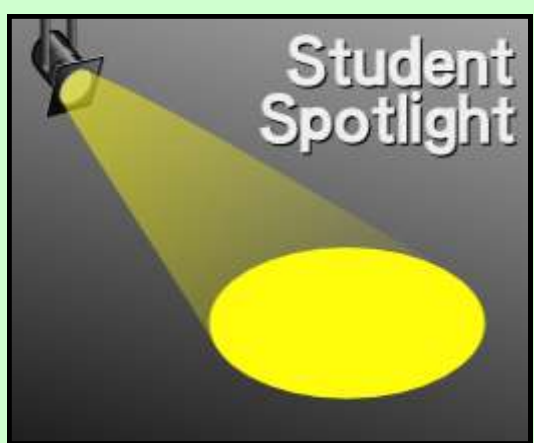
## Valentines for Veterans



HLVS participated in Nassau County's tradition of "*Valentines for Veterans*." Our children made Valentines cards to be distributed to our veterans in hospitals and nursing homes. It's a way of letting our veterans know that they and their sacrifices are not forgotten.







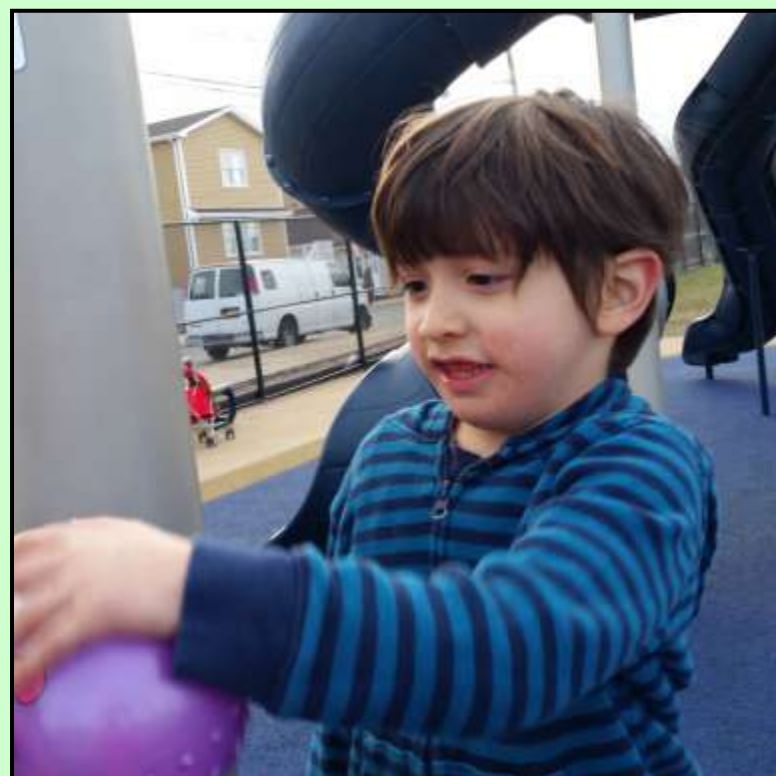
## Student Spotlight — Christopher Serrano

**“We touch other people’s lives simply by existing...” -- J.K. Rowling**

*“Christopher? He is so cute! I love him”*. This is the common reaction from the therapists and teachers who work with **Christopher Serrano**. Christopher is a 6 year 11 month old little boy hailing from Island Park who has been part of the Little Village family since September 2013. He is currently enrolled in the school age program where he has made great gains since he entered LVS. Christopher is now more social with his peers and sits with less redirection during goal work and entire classroom activities. He loves movement and dancing and playing with his SpongeBob SquarePants toys.



According to his mother, Christopher loves swimming, teddy bears, playing games on his tablet, and Bubble Guppies. He frequently goes on rides in Long Beach where he sits in the bike trailer and enjoys the view! Christopher gives two thumbs up to the movie Rio (he only likes the original Rio NOT Rio 2) and shows his sensitive side when watching Toy Story – he cries when he sees Woody and Buzz get into an argument. Christopher is the baby of the family; he has 3 older brothers and an older sister.



Mrs. Serrano has a great fondness for the staff here at Little Village and we truly love and care for our little guy, Christopher. When his teacher, **Kimberly Bickard**, was asked what she loves most about Christopher, she responded, “The fact that he exists...” We consider ourselves fortunate to have Christopher part of the Little Village Family.

## Winter Bingo at Little Village!

On January 27<sup>th</sup>, our families, staff and friends enjoyed a fun filled evening at Little Village. Thanks to Chairpersons **MaryAnne Hyland**, **Kristin Maisano** and the Bingo committee it was a huge success! A very special thank you to alumni parent **Vin Causeman** on doing an outstanding job calling numbers!





# The Annual Little Village Fashion Show

Save the  
Date!

Coming  
Soon!



Thursday, April 27<sup>th</sup>  
Crest Hollow Country Club

8325 Jericho Turnpike, Woodbury, NY

Contact Janet Mouliere at 516-520-6067 for Tickets or Information

## Classroom News

### Room 222 Explores Winter

Teachers **Pam Trugman**,  
**Trish Testani** and the stu-  
dents in Room 222 were  
learning about winter

this month.

The children had fun exploring different colored ice, making ice paintings, creating their own mini ice hockey game, and playing in the snow with arctic animals. They created an arctic scene which included an igloo, snow, a penguin and polar bears! The children had a great time travelling back in time and discovering ancient Egyptian artifacts that were frozen in ice.

