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**LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY RECEIVES \$200,000 CHALLENGE GIFT FROM
MRS. PATRICIA LANZA FOR ACCESS TO JUSTICE CAMPAIGN**

(White Plains, NY) Alfred E. Donnellan, President of the Board of Directors of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) and Managing Partner of DeBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP, of White Plains, announced that Mrs. Patricia Lanza, who founded LSHV's Children's Advocacy Program, has provided LSHV with a \$200,000 Challenge Grant for its Access to Justice Campaign. When LSHV raises the \$200,000, The Lanza Family Foundation will provide the matching grant of \$200,000.

Mr. Donnellan said, "We are very excited about this Challenge Grant and when we raise the funds to make the match, we will have completed our Access to Justice Campaign goal of raising \$1 million to provide free civil legal services to many more poor people in our seven-county service area. We are extremely grateful to Mrs. Pat Lanza for her generosity and her strong support of LSHV for many years."

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley created the Access to Justice Campaign to raise funds to help in its mission to provide free, comprehensive, civil legal services to poor and low-income individuals and families. The completion of the goal will increase the number of cases LSHV will be able to accept, as additional attorneys will be hired. The Access to Justice Campaign has raised funds through its annual dinner proceeds, which began last year, as well as soliciting donations from law firms and individual attorneys and individuals that live or work in the areas served by LSHV.

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley provides free civil legal services to poor and low-income individuals and families. LSHV represents clients in the areas of housing, domestic violence, elder law, civil rights, children's advocacy, disabilities, HIV/AIDS, public benefits, consumer law and education. Services are provided to the residents of Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess, Ulster, Orange, Rockland and Sullivan Counties.