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**LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY RECEIVES \$50,000 GRANT FROM DYSON
FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN'S ADVOCACY PROGRAM IN DUTCHESS COUNTY**

(White Plains, NY) Barbara Finkelstein, Esq., Executive Director of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV), announced that LSHV has been awarded a \$50,000 grant from the Dyson Foundation to provide operating support for its Children's Advocacy Program in Dutchess County. Ms. Finkelstein said, "The Dyson Foundation has been a major contributor to our Children's law unit in Dutchess County since 2002, and we are extremely grateful for their continued support. This grant will be so helpful in strengthening families and enabling children develop to their fullest potential."

LSHV's Children's Advocacy Program in Dutchess County is a privately-funded model program that focuses on the legal needs of economically-disadvantaged children. The Program provides legal assistance in the areas of disabilities, education, medical care, and numerous other areas that have a profound impact on the lives of children and families.

The Dyson Foundation is a private, family-directed grant making foundation established in 1957. Robert R. Dyson, who has served as the Foundation's President since 2000, leads the Foundation. Headquartered in Millbrook (Dutchess County), New York, the Foundation awards grants through a diverse regional funding program in the Dyson family's home community of the Mid-Hudson Valley of New York State. The Dyson Foundation also makes grants outside the Hudson Valley to pre-selected organizations. The Foundation's assets presently stand at approximately \$337 million, and in the year 2006, it awarded grants in excess of \$18,400,000.

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley, founded in 1967, 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.