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Legal Services of the Hudson Valley Gets Grant from Westchester Community Foundation for Elder Law Program

(White Plains, New York) Barbara Finkelstein, Esq., Executive Director of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV), announced today that the Westchester Community Foundation (WCF) has awarded a \$10,000 grant to LSHV to support its Elder Law Program. Ms. Finkelstein said, "This grant will help us provide critical legal services to vulnerable senior citizens in Westchester County and help them remain independent. We are grateful for the opportunity to be partnering with WCF to help at-risk seniors in our community."

The Westchester Community Foundation is a non-profit community endowment for the benefit of Westchester County. Its mission is to develop and manage philanthropic resources, and to distribute them in a way that is responsive to donor interests and community needs. The Foundation actively promotes charitable giving on behalf of the area's non-profit organizations. WCF is a division of The New York Community Trust, one of the largest community foundations in the country with assets of approximately \$2 billion dollars.

LSHV's Elder Law Program provides comprehensive, free, civil legal services to low-income seniors, with the goal of helping them remain independent and in their own homes. LSHV's services resolve housing problems, provide access to government benefits and medical services, safeguard seniors' finances and rights, and protect them from abuse or exploitation.

Since 1967, the attorneys at Legal Services of the Hudson Valley have been assisting low-income people with high-quality, free, civil legal services. LSHV, headquartered in White Plains, NY, provides legal services in the areas of elder law, housing, employment, disability, family law, children's advocacy, and consumer law. LSHV is a \$8 million dollar agency with 80 staff members, including 50 attorneys. LSHV has been able to help through government funding, and grants and donations from foundations, corporations, law firms, and individual attorneys. LSHV also has an active *Pro Bono* program, where 500 attorneys volunteer their time to work on cases.