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**Legal Services of the Hudson Valley Gets Grant from Westchester Community Foundation for Children's Advocacy 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 Children's Advocacy Unit. Ms. Finkelstein said, "This grant will help keep this critical program successful. There is no other program in our service area targeted to providing civil legal services to children. Our services help poor children obtain basic necessities such as a safe home, an appropriate education, adequate medical care, and financial support. We are grateful for the opportunity to be partnering with WCF to help the children of Westchester."

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, the largest community foundation in the country with assets of approximately \$1.8 billion dollars.

For almost 40 years, the attorneys at Legal Services of the Hudson Valley have been assisting people of low income with high quality, free, civil legal services. LSHV, headquartered in White Plains, NY, provides legal services in the areas of children's advocacy, as well as elder law, housing, employment, disability, and more. LSHV is a \$6 million dollar agency with 63 staff members, including 30 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 300 attorneys volunteer their time to work on cases.