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Legal Services of the Hudson Valley Gets Grant from the Kraft Employee Fund Northeast to Support Elder Services Program

(White Plains, New York) Barbara Finkelstein, Esq., Executive Director of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV), announced today that the Kraft Employee Fund Northeast (KEF NE) has awarded a \$40,000 grant to LSHV to support its Elder Services Program. Ms. Finkelstein said, "This grant from the Kraft Employee Fund Northeast helps us to continue to provide high-quality, free, civil legal services to low-income senior citizens in Westchester County, who are among the most vulnerable members of our community. We are so grateful to the employees of Kraft for their support of our mission to provide seniors with critically-needed legal help in the areas of housing, social security, health benefits, elder abuse, and disabilities."

The Kraft Employee Fund Northeast is focused on four key areas – Hunger, Healthy Lifestyles, Elder Services, and Youth Development. LSHV is among 24 nonprofit organizations awarded a KEF NE grant this year. "The Kraft Employee Fund supports many outstanding organizations that serve people with the greatest need in our communities," said Mike Laverty, chair of the 2006 Kraft Employee Fund Leadership Council and a senior Sales Manager for Kraft Foods, Inc. "I'm very proud to work for an organization that allows its employees a clear voice and an opportunity to make a real difference in the lives of so many people."

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 elder law, as well as children's advocacy, 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.

The Kraft Employee Fund Northeast (KEF NE), established in 2005 as a combined Fund for Kraft Northeast management centers in Tarrytown, NY, and East Hanover, NJ, provides employees the opportunity to support their local communities. A similar fund was established in 1998 at Kraft's Chicago headquarters. Employees are involved throughout the entire grant-making process. This year, KEF NE awarded 24 grants totaling \$776,423 to 24 community-based organizations that alleviate hunger, promote healthy lifestyles for children, care for the elderly, and promote positive youth development. Together, the Employee Funds in Chicago and the Northeast have awarded more than 1,300 grants totaling more than \$21 million since 1999.

Kraft Foods Inc. is a global leader in branded food and beverages with a presence in more than 150 countries. The Kraft Cares global community involvement program strives to make a difference in the communities where its employees live and work. In keeping with the company's corporate vision of helping people around the world eat and live better, Kraft Cares focuses primarily on helping end hunger and helping children and families improve their physical activity and awareness of nutritional practices. Last year, Kraft provided \$84 million in food and financial support to hundreds of non-profit organizations worldwide.