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Legal Services of the Hudson Valley Receives Grant from the Ann & Abe Effron Fund of the Community Foundation of Dutchess County for Children's Education Law Program

(White Plains, New York) Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) has received a \$1,500 grant from the “**Ann and Abe Effron Fund of the Community Foundation of Dutchess County**”, supporting its Children's Education Law Program in Dutchess County. Barbara Finkelstein, LSHV Executive Director, said, “We are grateful for the Ann and Abe Effron Fund's generous grant that will help us provide legal assistance to poor and low-income children in Dutchess County to ensure that they receive access to educational services regardless of their families' financial circumstances. This grant will help the program to continue to be successful.”

The Ann and Abe Effron Fund, a donor-advised fund administered by the Community Foundation of Dutchess County, focuses on organizations involved in arts, culture and education, with special consideration being given to grants that would make facilities and events more available to young people and senior citizens. The Community Foundation of Dutchess County, a public charitable organization that is a driving force for philanthropy in Dutchess County, works with donors who wish to ensure and improve the quality of life in Dutchess County, and provides grants that fund a broad range of issue areas including the arts, education, community development, conservation, health, and human services.

For 40 years, Legal Services of the Hudson Valley has been the only provider of comprehensive, high quality, free, civil legal services to poor people in the Hudson Valley. LSHV has assisted over 130,000 low-income individuals since 1967 in areas of children's advocacy, as well as elder law, housing, employment, disability, and more. LSHV has offices in Poughkeepsie, Newburgh and Kingston, as well as 3 offices in Westchester. Its Children's Education Law Program, a component of its Children's Advocacy Unit, helps children get the educational services and school placements they need to develop to their fullest potential, and assists families in developing the skills to advocate for their children within their school districts. Additional information about Legal Services of the Hudson Valley can be found at <http://www.lshv.org>.

