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VERIZON FOUNDATION GIVES GRANT TO LEGAL SERVICES OF THE HUDSON VALLEY

(White Plains, New York) John Butler, Director of Community Affairs of Verizon presented a \$2,500 check to Barbara Finkelstein, Executive Director of Legal Services of the Hudson Valley for their Families and Children Program on Wednesday, December 15, 2004 at a check presentation ceremony at Legal Services of the Hudson Valley headquarters at 4 Cromwell Place in White Plains. Lawrence McGovern, Immediate Past President and Chair of the Development Committee also attended the ceremony.

Legal Services of the Hudson Valley (LSHV) (formerly Westchester/Putnam Legal Services) is a not-for profit organization and has been providing high quality free legal representation and services to poor and low-income individual and families in civil legal matters for over thirty-five years. The Verizon grant will go towards helping families and children, so that they may obtain appropriate educational services, medical care and support programs. With the help of Verizon, children will receive access to appropriate education in their home districts; disabled children will receive assistive technology to assist them in their daily lives, families will have access to proper health care and medication, and families will be strengthened.

Verizon's philanthropic mission is to foster relationships and partnerships that address social and economic needs in America's diverse communities. Verizon partners with many nonprofit organizations to help build stronger, sustainable communities.

In thanking Mr. Butler, Barbara Finkelstein commented, "We are happy to begin a new partnership with Verizon, and are grateful for your support." She added, "Without the generous support of our caring neighbors, we would be unable to help the thousands of poor and low income people that come to us in need."