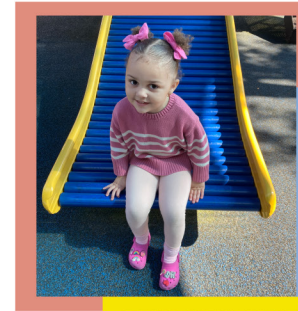




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Our Mission

Variety Child Learning Center promotes the development, education and inclusion of children with or at risk of disabilities in both the school setting and the community. It is our goal to increase our students' capabilities while reducing stress on families as we provide care, education and other services to their children. Variety also provides training and technical assistance to early childhood professionals and promotes programs, research, and collaborations that improve child development and family life.



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JANICE FRIEDMAN
Retired CEO,
Variety Child Learning Center

Janice Friedman joined Variety Child Learning Center (VCLC) in 1975 as a Master Teacher working alongside school founder Judith S. Bloch shortly after receiving her Masters in Early Childhood Special Education from George Washington University. After six years of teaching, Janice began working directly with Judy on important projects such as the development of The Five P's; research studies leading to the recognition and validation of VCLC's Home/School Collaborative Model by the New York State Education Department as a "Sharing Success Validated Model;" the development of the Lufrano Training Center; and the development of the Winthrop University Hospital Pediatric Resident Training Program. Janice's responsibilities grew from Research Associate to Supervisor of Research and Information Management Systems, to Director of Training and Information Management Systems, to Chief Operating Officer and finally to Chief Executive Officer in 2009 upon Judy's retirement. Throughout her career, Janice co-authored several professional articles with Judy and presented at local, state and national conferences. In addition, she chaired the Nassau County Department of Health CPSE Issues Training Sub-Committee and was a member of the Long Island Coalition for Children with Special Needs, the United Way of Long Island Agency Executive Committee, and the Advisory Council of The Early Years Institute and the Advisory Council of LI Pre-K. Janice retired as CEO of Variety Child Learning Center in January 2023 after a tenure of 47 years. Her impact and legacy will continue through the foundation she helped to build and the lives of the children and families she touched.



ANDREA RIEGER
Retired CFO,
Variety Child Learning Center

Andrea Rieger joined Variety Child Learning Center (VCLC) in 1997 as Chief Financial Officer, a role she held for 26 years. Prior to joining VCLC, Andrea was the Comptroller at another not-for-profit school for seven years. Earlier in her career, she honed her expertise and built a comprehensive accounting background working at a national Big Eight accounting firm and a large Long Island accounting firm. After obtaining her master's in accounting from Hofstra University, Andrea also worked as an assistant professor at Suffolk Community College and later an adjunct professor at SUNY Farmingdale in their accounting programs. Andrea's expertise in financial matters regarding special education schools made her a leader in the field, and her colleagues often call her for advice. She was a member of New York State Education Department (SED) rate-setting committees for preschool and school-age programs; former chair of the Nassau County Department of Health (DOH) CPSE Issues Fiscal Legislative Sub-Committee; and former member of the Nassau County DOH Transportation Committee. In addition, Andrea served as co-chair of the Long Island Coalition for Children with Special Needs; co-chair of the NYS Alliance for School Aged Children with Special Needs; and board member of the Long Island Chapter of the Financial Executive International Association. She was also a recipient of the Long Island Business News CFO of the Year Award in 2013 and 2015. Andrea's dedication and professional expertise in education and finance enabled VCLC to overcome any challenges it faced during her tenure. She will truly be missed by the VCLC staff and the many children and families that we provide services for.



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Cocktail Hour

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Reception

1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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