

## **Yasher Koach, Eileen Lewis!**

Eileen Lewis has always believed in Tikkun Olam, and she has always searched out ways to make a difference in the world. With a professional career in banking, it was a natural fit to be on the board of Jewish Free Loan Association, a position she has held for more than 30 years. And when she joined ChaiVillageLA, she was recruited to serve on the Finance Committee.

After retirement, Eileen began looking for additional volunteer activities that involved more direct person-to-person contact. This led her to CASA, and Eileen has been a Court Appointed Special Advocate for the past year. As a CASA, Eileen provides a constant, supportive adult presence to children in foster care, making sure they don't get lost in the legal and social services system.

"Because of my work with CASA, I was intrigued when ChaiVillageLA proposed volunteer activities with children,"

said Eileen. She is now an active ChaiVillageLA volunteer at 826LA. 826LA is dedicated to supporting students ages 6-18 with their creative and expository writing skills and to helping teachers inspire their students to write. Eileen feels a great sense of fulfillment from her volunteer activities with children. "I feel uplifted by the immediate feedback I get when helping a child," she explained, "whether it is through CASA or at 826LA."

Yasher Koach, Eileen! You are an inspiration to all of us in your dedication to the principle of Tikkun Olam. We applaud your activities in support of ChaiVillageLA, the Jewish Community, and the children of our city.