

VS School Cardiac Screenings

On October 3, the Valley Stream School Central High School District Board of Education will be offering Valley Stream Central High School District eighth grade students free echocardiogram screenings at Memorial Junior High School. These screenings test eighth graders for cardiac irregularities. Funding for this program is courtesy of the Jason F. Gruen Research Foundation in cooperation with Schneider Children's Hospital, Chief Pediatric Cardiologist Dr. F. Bierman.

A Sock Hop Dinner Dance hosted by the Board of Realtors in April 2008 raised over \$7,000 for the Jason Foundation earmarked for

the Valley Stream Central High School District screening. "Our fundraising is continuing again this fall with our Second Annual Sock Hop. We hope with our continued fundraising that this screening will be offered annually to Valley Stream students," said Carol Gallo-Turschmann, "and with more awareness and donations this will eventually be offered to every Long Island School District."

This life-saving echocardiogram screening was initiated by Susan Gruen Helsing, Founder of the Jason F. Gruen Research Foundation, Carol Gallo-Turschmann, and the members of The Nassau South Shore Chapter of The Long Island Board of Realtors Board of Directors and has been endorsed by State Senator Dean Skelos.