

## 2006 Great Chefs of Marin Exceeds Expectations

This year's Great Chefs of Marin, held April 29, 2006 at Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, raised \$330,000, the most ever. There were so many people involved in the event's success — we are privileged that our community is committed to improving the quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families and to have such overwhelming support. Our loyal patrons, restaurants, wineries, volunteers and donors have made this event a sell-out for the last 16 years. Thank you also to our supporters



Co-chairs Eileen Kilgariff (left) and Gayle Peterson

for their donations to the "Gift for Life", another opportunity to make a difference in someone's life.

Thank you again to Huey Lewis, Chairman Emeritus, for his generous support and wonderful performance with our clients, and to Master of Ceremonies Dana King, CBS 5 Eyewitness News Anchor. Special

recognition goes to our hard working Great Chefs Committee members and to Gayle Peterson and Eileen Kilgariff, Co-chairs of the Great Chefs Committee who took on this enormous task while maintaining their day-to-day lives. Our Wine Committee chaired by Sid Sall was instrumental in getting several new wineries such as Burgess Cellars, Etude, Freemark Abbey, Sequoia Grove and Vision Cellars.

Thank you to Heidi Insalata Kraehling of Insalata's Restaurant, who has been our Culinary Host for many years, resulting in an always superb menu for our guests to enjoy.

If you didn't hear enough of Huey Lewis at the Great Chefs, don't miss his upcoming performance in "Chicago!" at the San Francisco Orpheum Theater from October 24 through November 5.



Huey Lewis with client Pam Oncina and Michael Valcour

## It Was A Hot One!

The hot dogs and hamburgers weren't the only things cooking at the Lifehouse Annual Picnic held Sunday, July 23 — so was everyone else who was brave enough to venture out in the heat! By far this year's picnic was the hottest ever. Fortunately, Corte Madera Town Park has a lot of shade and everyone kept their cool with lots of fluids, roving spray bottles, and the infamous water balloon toss. Once again we had the caricaturist Doug Shannon who kept his cool under an awning.

Special thanks goes to volunteer John Keilman and staff member Jason Bryson who, in spite of the heat, dutifully spent hours in front of a hot grill. Thank you to all our volunteers and sponsors whose contributions made this picnic a success. See page 6 for raffle and food sponsors.



Clients Katie Buster and David Friedlander



Lifehouse staff Sara Bender, Shaun Duncan and Shelby Foote enjoy the picnic. (far left)



Volunteers Colleen Mushet, Marcia Gori and daughter Erica Gori, Corte Madera House Resident (right photo)

## Lifehouse Selected for New Supported Living Program



Lifehouse was recently selected for a new supported living program at Hamilton Meadow Park in Novato. Three apartments were designated for Lifehouse; two apartments have three bedrooms and one has four bedrooms. This program is designed for our clients who want a more independent setting but still require on-site support. This arrangement is flexible in staffing and meshes with our philosophy that each client should be treated individually and receive services according to his/her specific needs.



Our first clients to move in are Brian Adamson (*above left*), from Montecillo House and Meredith Lloyd (*above right*) from Corte Madera. They look forward to living in their new apartment with overnight live-in staff, Linnet Oloo. Other staff will assist Brian and Meredith on weekends and each day upon return from their daytime activities during the week.

## Out and About with Lifehouse

### Viva Las Vegas!

In June, 20 clients and staff flew to Las Vegas for a four-day trip. That's all we can tell you about the trip because, as client Sheri McSweeney informed us, "What happens in Las Vegas stays in Las Vegas!" A trip like this costs about \$400 per client and includes staff support. *If you are interested in sponsoring a client, please call our office at (415) 472-2373, ext 305. A trip to Disneyland is scheduled for late October.*

Nancy Dow Moody, Vice President and COO of Lifehouse has been appointed to serve on the board of the Golden Gate Regional Center. She also serves as Treasurer of the board of West Bay Housing Corporation that promotes affordable housing in San Mateo, Marin and San Francisco.

Through the efforts of Elliot Bien, Lifehouse Board of Directors, the San Rafael Community Center has chosen Lifehouse as the beneficiary of their production of "Hair" which was performed at the Marin Center in July.

### Future Events

Nominations will soon be open for the 2006 Heart of Marin Awards, sponsored by Tamalpais Bank and the Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership of Marin. The awards are presented each year to outstanding nonprofits, leaders, volunteers and corporations that foster community service. Two panels of judges evaluate nominations and winners are awarded \$5,000. *If you would like to nominate someone from Lifehouse, nomination forms can be obtained in September by calling 479-5710 or at www.centerforleadershipmarin.org.*

### Lifehouse on the Move

We are happy to report that Lifehouse will be moving its office to a new space at 30 N. San Pedro Road. The facilities are more modern and the space will accommodate our growing staff. It will take approximately six months to get the offices ready. This move has been made possible through the support of the Marin Community Foundation.

## Board Officers Elected for 2006-2007

### Jan Howard Joins the Lifehouse Board

Officers elected for the 2006-2007 period are Nancy Branigan, Chair; Marty Rubino, Vice Chair; John Morre, Treasurer and Elliot Bien, Secretary. Lifehouse board member HC Jackson completed his term and we thank him for his services.

*Chair Nancy Branigan*



*Jan Howard,  
New Board  
Member*

Jan Howard, a Special Needs educator and parent has been elected to the Lifehouse Board of Directors for a three-year term effective July 1. The board now totals 16 members. The board recently held its annual planning retreat to complete the agency's strategic planning process. The plan is based on information which was gathered from a number of sources, such as a needs survey sent to 2,500 individuals, and four different community-based focus groups. If you would like to attend a board meeting or participate on a committee, please call our office at (415) 472-2373, ext 300 for the schedule.

One of our most beloved clients, Joanne Perata, passed away in June. Joanne always had a smile on her face and was a friend to many. Her presence will be missed but she will remain in our thoughts.



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## Thank you to our 2006 Annual Awards Banquet Sponsors and Congratulations to our Awardees

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*Shirley Caraway,  
EAH, is honored  
for Outstanding  
Individual Service*



*Accepting on behalf of Pat Wall is  
Jim Shorter, GGRC Executive Director  
pictured with Nancy Dow Moody,  
Vice President & COO, Lifehouse*

## Rebuilding Together and Frank Howard Allen Help Second Lifehouse Home!

Lifehouse was fortunate to be chosen once again by Rebuilding Together to do much needed work at our Montecillo group home in San Rafael. For the second year, the volunteers were from several Frank Howard Allen Realtors offices. Thank you to the team leaders and members including Cindy Shelton, San Rafael; Cyd Gardner, Greenbrae; Kat Ryan, Mill Valley; Vet Krubs, Novato and Bret Thomson, Tiburon. More than 50 people shared shifts to complete the wish list that included weeding, landscaping, painting, and general "sprucing" up. We applaud Frank Howard Allen for their corporate philosophy of giving back to the community in which their employees work, live and play. Needless to say we are delighted with the work and the support that Rebuilding Together and Frank Howard Allen has given to Lifehouse as well as to other non-profits in Marin.



**Thank you Frank Howard Allen**  
*From housemates Craig, Brian and Hayes (front row),  
David, Greg and Orlando (back row)*

# Great Chefs of Marin Raises over \$330,000 for Lifehouse!

## Restaurants and Confectioners

Avance Tapas Bar and Restaurante	Insalata's Restaurant
Boca Steak	John and Jill's Cheesecake Kitchen
Buckeye Roadhouse	Kitti's Place
Bungalow 44	The Lark Creek Inn
The Club at McInnis Park	Left Bank Restaurants
Comforts	Maria Manso World Cuisine
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Il Fornaio, Corte Madera	

## Wines and other Beverages

Arrowood Winery	Sequoia Grove
Burgess Cellars	Silverado Vineyards
Byron Winery	Silver Oak Cellars
Chalk Hill Estate	Sonoma Coast Vineyards
Charles Krug – Peter	Starry Night Winery
Mondavi Family Winery	Vision Cellars
Duckhorn Wine Company	Additional wines in the dining room provided by Young's Market
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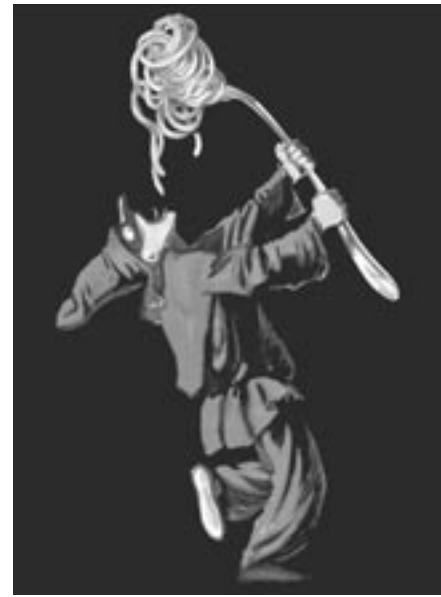
2006 Lifehouse Board Chair Jane Coyne (left) with President and CEO Debbie Levy



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Buck Kamphausen (second from left) and Jack Thornton (right) of Mount Tamalpais Mortuary & Cemetery with guests



Held April 29, 2006

Huey Lewis, Chairman Emeritus  
Dana King, Master of Ceremonies

## Diamond Auction Donors

Walk-On Part & Visit to the hit show "24" donated by Executive Producer Bob Cochran

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Party for 300 hosted by The Margarita King

One Week Spa Retreat for Two at Rancho La Puerta (two) donated by Alexander's Rugs

Autographed Huey Lewis Harmonica

Four tickets & backstage passes to Huey Lewis & Chicago concert

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## Meet Robynn Vaughn, Community Living Program, Marin

Robynn was born in Hughson, California, a small agricultural city of about 6,100 located between Modesto and Turlock. Robynn is the youngest of four sisters, coincidentally all born in July. She left Hughson to attend boarding school in Santa Barbara and came to Lifehouse in 1990.

Robynn keeps herself quite busy with her multitudes of interest. First and foremost is her love of travel. She has seen quite a bit of the United States, traveling by train and car. Her hobbies are reading, working on jigsaw puzzles, collecting seashells, cooking, horseback riding, art and movies. Robynn often plays the game of Trivial Pursuit with her family and has been crowned the reigning queen of the entertainment category! Robynn goes home to her family most weekends. She has a very large family and her recent family reunion boasted over 100 people! Otherwise she is content to be by herself to pursue her hobbies.

Around the Lifehouse office Robynn is known for her hat collection, jewelry, and her pet bird Smoky, who comfortably rests on her shoulder. Robynn probably likes birds because she is quite chirpy herself! She enjoys attending the Lifehouse events, particularly trips to Las Vegas and Disneyland.

Rita Hannigan has been Robynn's counselor for 13 years. Rita raves about the progress Robynn has made: "Robynn is a delight to work with. She is responsible, willing to learn and active in determining what she wants out of life. This has helped her to lead a quality life, fulfilled by her family and her independence."



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Annual Holiday Party  
December 4, 2006

**Join the 2007 Great Chefs Committee**



**The 2006 Great Chefs Committee**

*(Standing, from the left): Marlene DeVoto, Deborah Connors, Bob Rosenberg, Bob Karfiol, Nancy Riess, Debbie Levy, Gayle Peterson, Tracy Bell, Ginny Quick, Lisa Goldfien, Betsy Young, Trish Kiely. (Seated from the left): Sandy Verrue, Lois Press, Maureen Gardner, Eileen Kilgariff.  
Not pictured: Patty Davis, Lindsay Laven and Anne Zishka.*

If you are interested in joining our 2007 Great Chefs Committee, please call Nancy Riess at (415) 472-2373 x305, or email nriess@lifehouseagency.org.

**Calendar of Events**

**Lifehouse Board of Directors Meetings**

November 16, 2006  
January 18, 2007  
March 8, 2007  
June 7, 2007

**Disneyland Trip**

October 29 - November 1

**Annual Holiday Party**

Monday, December 4, 2006

**Annual Awards Banquet**

Friday, March 2, 2007

**Great Chefs of Marin**

Saturday, April 28, 2007

**Novato Dance (monthly)**

1<sup>st</sup> Saturday Night

**Larkspur Dance (monthly)**

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday Night