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**NEW COORDINATOR OF MARIN AUTISM COLLABORATIVE**



San Rafael, Calif. – Lifehouse President and CEO Nancy Dow Moody announced today the appointment of Katrina Ferreyra as the Coordinator of the Marin Autism Collaborative which Lifehouse began in May 2007. The new position is the latest step in the evolution of the Collaborative that was established as part of the Lifehouse effort to help families cope with the dramatic increase in diagnoses of autism spectrum disorder. Currently, one out of every 150 school children in the state of California is diagnosed with autism.

As Coordinator of the Collaborative, Ferreyra will provide administrative and development support to further its efforts to ensure that everyone in Marin County affected by autism receive the very best services throughout life. Members of the Collaborative include representatives from: Easter Seals, Golden Gate Regional Center, Lifehouse, the Marin County Department of Health and Human Services, the Marin County Office of Education, Matrix, Opportunity for Independence, the State Council on Developmental Disabilities Area Board 5, United Cerebral Palsy North Bay, parents, and consultants.

Ferreyra joins the staff of Lifehouse following a three-year stay in Madrid, Spain, where she received her Superior-level Diploma in Spanish from the Cervantes Institute. She received her M.A. in International Studies from Johns Hopkins University and has a B.A. in Public Policy from Duke University.

A native of Vermont, Ferreyra worked as the Senior Grants Development Specialist for the New York Association for New Americans, an immigrant and refugee services organization based in New York City. Her background in fundraising and Spanish language skills will be put to use in her new role as the Coordinator of the Marin Autism Collaborative. Ferreyra and her husband, Fernando, have three children and live in San Rafael. Contact Ferreyra at 415 472-2373 x324 or [kferreyra@lifehouseagency.org](mailto:kferreyra@lifehouseagency.org).

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