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### **Lifehouse Appoints Nancy Dow Moody as President and CEO**

**San Rafael, CA:** It was announced today that Nancy Dow Moody has been promoted to the position of President and Chief Executive Officer of Lifehouse, effective November 1st. Nancy has been with the agency for 16 years and for the last three years served as the Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Moody will succeed Debbie Levy, who is leaving the position after 18 years with the agency. Lifehouse is a non-profit organization based in San Rafael that serves the needs of developmentally disabled adults.

The announcement was made by Elliott Bien, chairperson of the board of directors of Lifehouse. Bien said the board had unanimously and enthusiastically approved the selection. "Lifehouse is fortunate to have an executive ready to move into this role who has the experience and leadership skills that Nancy possesses," said Bien. "Nancy has led our programs and service to new heights and is an excellent choice to succeed Debbie."

Moody said that being selected to lead Lifehouse is an honor. "I am thrilled to receive this vote of confidence from our board. What makes Lifehouse so special is the enthusiasm and commitment from our staff, supporters, volunteers, clients and families. "I plan to continue to nurture that spirit." said Ms. Moody.

Debbie Levy said of the selection, "With Nancy's experience, the transition should be seamless. Having worked with Nancy for 16 years, I can state without hesitation that I am leaving the agency in good hands."

Dow Moody received her Master of Nonprofit Administration from the University of San Francisco and graduated Cum Laude. She currently serves on the boards of the Golden Gate Regional Center and West Bay Housing Corporation. She resides in Kentfield with her son Austin who is a senior at Marin Academy.

Lifehouse has opened the doors of opportunity and independence to individuals with developmental disabilities since 1954. Its mission is to improve the quality of life for its clients by providing a lifetime of compassionate support in an atmosphere of respect, inspiration and purpose. For more information, visit their website at [www.lifehouseagency.org](http://www.lifehouseagency.org) or call 415 472-2373.

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