



Lifeshouse Group Home Gets a Makeover

Over thirty volunteers from **Frank Howard Allen** gathered on one day for one purpose – to help revitalize Sunrise II, one of nine Lifeshouse homes. The Frank Howard Allen volunteers partnered with **Rebuilding Together** (formerly Christmas in April).

Rebuilding Together is a non-profit community based organization dedicated to assisting low-income homeowners, particularly the elderly, disabled and families with children through volunteer repair of owner-occupied homes and non-profit (community) facilities serving these groups. They choose one day in April each year for volunteers to converge on their project. This year it was April 30th.

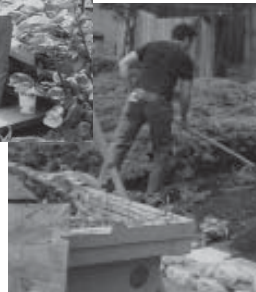
Our wish list included items such as landscaping the front yard, fixing a gazebo, painting and repairing fences and upgrading cabinets, walls and fixtures inside. All repairs were made possible



It started with a request to fix the gazebo roof....



Which led to the side of the house (above) ...and the front of the house (right).



through financial as well as material donations from local and national sponsors of Rebuilding Together.

Team captains Ted von Glahn and Cindy Shelton from Frank Howard Allen, were responsible for scheduling all the volunteers and setting up teams so they could work as efficiently as possible. Every one of the volunteers worked hard and maintained a great spirit. The new and improved condition of the house definitely makes it more “homey” for our six residents, and was a wonderful morale booster for staff, families and neighbors. We are grateful to Frank Howard Allen and Rebuilding Together for sponsoring the project and to all the volunteers that made the project a success.

To view a photo album of Rebuilding Together’s day at Sunrise II, visit our website at www.lifeshouseagency.org

Great Chefs of Marin - Another Successful Year!

We are so grateful to all of you who helped make the 2005 Great Chefs of Marin a success, once again. This event continues to be one of the most popular food and wine events in the Bay Area, and vital to the success of Lifeshouse. This year’s event raised over \$290,000.

The evening was made special by the presence of Don Sanchez, KGO Channel 7, as Master of Ceremonies as well as fellow reporter, Spencer Christian. Our dedicated Great Chefs Committee, co-chaired by Elizabeth Nicholson and Gayle Peterson, did a brilliant job of coordinating the event,

which takes many months of planning. Our Wine Committee expanded our offering of fine wines for our auction and for pouring. Seventy volunteers provided assistance during the evening.

Save the Date! Next year’s Great Chefs is scheduled for April 29, 2006.

For more on Great Chefs, see



This year, Kitti’s Place served Fresh Soft Spring Rolls with Prawns and Plum Sauce



Great Chefs Co-chairs, Elizabeth Nicholson (left), with guest, Mark Nordquist) and Gayle Peterson.

Staff Spotlight - Meet Nancy Riess



Nancy and her daughter, Dana, at the Lighthouse Picnic

Nancy Riess began at Lighthouse in March 1999, working 20 hours a week for Nancy Dow Moody as her Administrative Assistant. Several months later, the position of Development Associate was available and Nancy began working full-time for Debbie Levy. Her job entails special events such as our Great Chefs of Marin, picnic, holiday party, and awards banquet. Some of her other responsibilities include fundraising, working with volunteers and other outside agencies, writing grants, the newsletter and press releases, and keeping the website current.

She had worked for over 20 years in different capacities for what was an independent leasing company in San Francisco. It was later purchased by Ford Motor Company, and then by Bank of America. She decided she had enough of the corporate life and commuting to the city, took a few months off and then worked at a bookstore for a couple of years. A desire for a part-time job led her to Lighthouse (then MARC). This is the first non-profit agency she worked for and found there is quite a difference between this and the corporate world. (You mean I have to put my own stamp on my letter, what about the mailroom?) She has come to find that the people at Lighthouse are the nicest and most hard working she has ever encountered.

She was born in New York, moved to Los Angeles when she was ten. She came to San Francisco for a visit, fell in love with the city and came back to go to college at San Francisco State University and later received her MBA at Golden Gate University.

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A Letter from a Sibling by Jane Coyne

My brother, Hayes, was born in 1948. My parents did not discover that Hayes was mentally retarded until he was 5 years old. Fortunately, my parents were able to afford to send my brother to a premier board and care facility in California. Hayes thrived there.

One day, when Hayes was around 17 years old, he took a staff's car keys and went on a joy ride resulting in a few sideswiped cars and panicked staff. That was the end of that school. By that time, my father had passed away leaving my mother to find an alternative situation. I think it was painful for her to research possibilities and was open to taking what was easiest.

Hayes ended up at Agnews State Hospital. Next came a group home in San Francisco that was unable to address Hayes' long-term behavioral problems. That situation deteriorated

to Hayes living alone in a rooming house in the Tenderloin without supervision. By the time Hayes was 46, he had no coping skills, poor hygiene habits, poor social etiquette, was bored and depressed.

One day, Hayes hurt his back and could not get out of bed. Someone living on Hayes' floor realized he had not seen Hayes for a couple of days and called mom to alert her. This finally got my mom to agree to move Hayes!
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Family Sponsors Trip to Marine



Six clients - Valerie Lunn, Doreen Ramirez, Angel Merryman, Amy Martin, Amanda Mendle, Patricia Drake - and two staff - Jennifer Senecal and Michael Torrico - from our Supported Living Program in Novato enjoyed an outing to Marine World, courtesy of Angel Merryman's grandmother and father, Roy Nee. This is their second annual trip that was sponsored by the family, in honor of Angel's birthday. Clients and staff alike had a wonderful time.

New Board Members Elected

Daniel Engel and Dennis Gilardi were each elected to the Lighthouse Board of Directors for a three-year term effective July 1. The board now totals 16 members. Lighthouse board members Elizabeth Nicholson, Heidi Schuetze and Joe Cooney rotated off the Board after many years of service.

Officers elected for the 2005-2006 period are Jane Coyne, Chair; Marty Rubino, Vice Chair, John Morre, Treasurer and Elliot Bien, Secretary.



Board Member, Daniel Engel



Board Member, Dennis Gilardi

Volunteers Awarded at Annual Banquet

More than 300 people attended our Annual Awards Banquet held on Friday, March 4th at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Rafael. This year's **Major Sponsor was Bolds Insurance Brokerage, and Bank of Marin and Lucasfilm Ltd. were Supporting Sponsors.** Jane Coyne, Chair of the Lifehouse Board of Directors presented awards to the the honorees.



Jane Coyne, Lifehouse Board Chair and husband Ed were honored as Philanthropists of the Year.



Marin CLP Clients, Linda Stone, Joanne Duerson and Sberri McSweeney proudly hold their certificates.



Dr. Laura Collins, honored for Distinguished Community Service, and her husband Mark Colomba.

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- Annual regional park pass
- Baking pans
- Basic Tool Set
- Blender
- Board Games
- Coffee Maker
- Computer for clients (PC & Mac)
- Computer games for Mac
- Entertainment passes
- Karaoke Machine
- Office Furniture (reception chairs)
- Patio Furniture & folding lawn chairs
- Pick-up truck for maintenance
- Tupperware
- VCR

For other donations, please call our Thrift-town office at 800-675-4499 to arrange for pick-up. Thrifttown store sales benefit Lifehouse and ARC San Francisco exclusively.

Just Published...

Giving From Your Heart: A Guide to Volunteering by Dr. Bob Rosenberg and Guy Lampard

Bob Rosenberg has been a member of the Great Chefs Committee for the last two years as the Volunteer Coordinator for the event. Needless to say, ours was not his first volunteer experience, nor will it be his last. Bob, along with co-author Guy Lampard, has culminated their wealth of experience in a handy how-to-guide about the world of volunteering.

The book was written with several goals in mind: to educate readers about the world of non-profits, tools to decide what kind of volunteer you want to be (intermittent, ongoing or "mega"), how to research where you want to volunteer and what activity you want to do. The book is both for novices and experienced volunteers. The basic goal of the book, according to Bob and Guy, is to "inspire you to volunteer. It may be the most positive experience of your life."

The book is available for \$11.95 online at www.volunteerforgood.org, or by contacting iUniverse.com and online booksellers such as www.amazon.com, www.barnesandnoble.com and www.booksamillion.com. Bob and Guy will discuss their book at Book Passage in Corte Madera on August 29 at 7:00 PM.

If you are interested in volunteering for Lifehouse, please call Nancy Riess, (415) 472-2373, x305.



Co-Author and volunteer, Bob Rosenberg

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President/CEO Debbie Levy, shares a moment with Master of Ceremonies, Don Sanchez, and Spencer Christian, both from KGO Channel 7.



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over \$290,000 for Lifehouse!



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Duckhorn Winery (right) was one of the several new wineries that poured this year at the Great Chefs.

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from January 1 through May 31, 2005

Lifeshouse Picnic

Our annual picnic was held on Sunday, July 24th at Corte Madera Town Park. Fortunately, we were greeted with cool weather, rather than the 100-degree temperatures of the previous day. Over 200 guests were treated to a barbeque lunch, courtesy of Andronico's, Albertsons, Costco (Novato), Mollie Stone's, Safeway (San Anselmo, Novato, Terra Linda, Northern California Division) and United Markets. Applebee's, Century Theatres, Chili's, Country Club Bowl, Scandia Family Fun Center, San Francisco Giants, Six Flags Marine World, Sizzler and Windsor Waterworks & Slides generously donated raffle prizes. This year's added highlight was caricaturist Doug Shannon, who expertly captured the faces of guests in about three minutes each! Thanks to the Lifeshouse Picnic Committee – Sara Bender, Jason Bryson, Ed Collins, Tina Newkirk, Andrea Nixon and Nancy Riess, and the many volunteers who are so essential to the success of the picnic.



Lifeshouse CLP Counselor Tina Newkirk works with volunteers John Keilman (barbeque master) and Jane Williams.



Over 200 clients, family, staff and friends were on hand for the picnic.

Client James Scott Expresses His Views on the Affordable Housing Crisis



James Scott, who lives at our San Anselmo House, is enrolled in a creative writing class for students with different abilities at the Kentfield Campus of College of Marin. The class issued their first newsletter, which included an article on affordable housing

AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR ALL!

By: James Scott

Affordable housing for people with developmental disabilities is not what it should be because of the recent budget cuts. The Marin Housing Agency had to cut back funding for non-profit agencies and for vouchers they offer to people who are on Section 8. Now non-profit agencies have to find other sources to keep the rents affordable for people living in apartments, group homes and semi-independent homes. Those are owned by agencies like Lifeshouse, Cedars and others. You can blame President Bush and Governor Schwarzenegger for the cutbacks in funding. The non-profit agencies should not have to shoulder the burden for the State's financial fiasco. The State Government as well as County Government should cut back on their own paychecks to make up some of the difference. That way people on section 8 would not have to worry.

Sibling Letter (continued from page 2)

Before she could change her mind, Hayes was accepted as a client of Lifeshouse and moved into the Fairfax House group home. There, Hayes was carefully and compassionately observed for a plan of action to get him moving toward a life of dignity. Hayes learned how to keep himself clean, wash his clothes, shop for food, cook, socialize and to think about what he would like to accomplish. He now had a

day program to attend, daily chores, the companionship of other housemates, as well as dances, bowling league and various outings planned by Lifeshouse.

Hayes now has a long-term girlfriend. He is encouraged by Lifeshouse staff to arrange outings with his friends. Hayes usually travels to Disneyland and Reno once a year on a Lifeshouse trip. This year he will also be going to Yosemite.

What a difference. Hayes has progressed so much further than I ever thought possible. He feels happy, loved and well cared for. He feels like the adult that he is. The icing on this cake is that I have the comfort of knowing that if Hayes should survive me, he will continue to be lovingly and respectfully cared for by the Lifeshouse agency.

Spotlight (continued from page 2)

She has been married for almost 31 years having met her husband on a blind date, set up by their roommates at the time. They have two wonderful children, Mike, who is almost 18, and a senior at high school in Singapore, and Dana, 14, who will start Drake High School in September. They have lived in San Anselmo for over 25 years.

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Lifehouse Board of Directors Meeting

September 15, 2005
November 17, 2005
January 19, 2006
March 16, 2006
June 8, 2006

Novato Dance (monthly)
1st Saturday Night

Larkspur Dance (monthly)
3rd Friday Night

Christmas Party
December 2005

Staff Changes

Nancy Dow Moody is now Vice President and COO; Kate O'Connor is the new Supervisor of the ICF Program and the Marin Community Living Program and Mike Sus is the new ILS Program Coordinator and continues as Manager at Fairfax House.

Great Chefs of Marin



Martinis and Oysters Bingo from Buckeye Restaurant are always a bit with the guests at the Great Chefs of Marin. See more about the event on pages 1, 4 & 5.

Life-house Annual



North Bay Clients and parents (shown here, Frank and Margey Loughran) joined in the picnic festivities. See page 7.