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Annual Awards Banquet
A Community Event

For over 16 years, Lifehouse has hosted its Annual Community Awards Banquet. Over 300 guests gather for this special evening of celebration as we honor outstanding community supporters and staff members for their contributions to Lifehouse over the past year. Our clients are also recognized for their personal achievements.

The Awards Banquet has become an important tradition for our agency and the community. It is a favorite event for many of our supporters as well as our clients. There is an air of camaraderie and warmth felt throughout the room. For our supporters, this event provides an opportunity to visit with our clients on a social basis. Our clients feel very important because they are included with other honorees in the community. The Awards Banquet is a topic of discussion for months among our clients before and after the event takes place. "What will they wear? Who will they sit with?" This event gives our clients an opportunity to get dressed up, enjoy an elegantly catered meal, dance, and most importantly, be recognized for their efforts over the year. Held at Embassy Suites in San Rafael, the evening includes a sit down dinner, awards ceremony and concludes with dancing to music provided by a DJ.

This event is not a fundraiser. However, sponsors are needed to help defray the costs of the evening. The banquet is free to our clients and staff; and, many family members who attend are also unable to afford to pay the full price of the meal. To include as many people as possible, we offer a sliding scale for guests who cannot pay full price. We work closely with all of the event vendors to keep costs to a minimum. Embassy Suites Hotel kindly provides a 15% discount on the food, which comprises the largest expense. The total expenditure for this event is approximately \$20,000, and our goal is to break even.

Some of the awards given include Outstanding Individual and Community Service, Employer of the Year, Philanthropist of the Year and Outstanding Corporate Involvement. Some of the past awards recipients have been Fireman's Fund Insurance Company, Marin Independent Journal, Peet's Coffee & Tea, Wells Fargo and Safeway.





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Memorable Moments





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Annual Awards Banquet **Our Relationship with the Community**

The Lifehouse Board of Directors and staff are committed to providing the highest quality services, and we are fortunate that our community assists us in meeting that commitment. The State of California pays the same fees for services throughout California even though the cost of living in this region is much higher. The cost of hiring and training qualified staff is higher in this area, as are the housing and general expenses. Approximately half of our homes require round-the-clock staffing for our more disabled clients. In addition, we also strive to provide our clients with “extras,” such as social and recreational opportunities, education and a comfortable environment, which are affordable and easily accessed by the greater population.

The services Lifehouse offers benefits the community as a whole by allowing family members to live near their disabled relative, where they grew up. Our clients become active, participating members of the community who add a great deal to the fabric of life for those they meet. They are also proud to pay their taxes when employed and prove to be very loyal to the companies for whom they work. Without the skills they develop and the support our clients receive through Lifehouse, they would be much more dependent on government benefits.

For the past 57 years, we have been instrumental in providing services and programs for people with developmental disabilities. We're proud that our core group of staff members has been with Lifehouse for many years, allowing them to develop strong long-term relationships with our clients. Our volunteers believe in our mission and their kindness and competence is strongly felt when working with our staff, clients and families.





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Sponsorship Opportunities

Presenting Sponsor \$7,500

- 1,000 invitations mailed to Bay area addresses with your business listed in a prominent location as the exclusive Presenting Sponsor.
- Table for 10 guests at the Awards Banquet.
- Recognition during the program at the banquet with a special presentation.
- Listing on 300 programs for the evening placed at each place setting.
- Listing on Lifehouse web site as Presenting Sponsor with a link to your business's web site.
- Recognized in two Lifehouse newsletters mailed to 6,000 Bay Area addresses with a dedicated article.
- Identified as Presenting Sponsor in all press releases and media announcements within Bay Area.
- Identified as Presenting Sponsor on lobby signs.

Major Sponsor \$5,000

- 1,000 invitations mailed to Bay area addresses with your business listed as Major Sponsor.
- Six tickets to the Awards Banquet.
- Acknowledgement in introductions during the program at the banquet.
- Listing on 300 programs for the evening placed at each place setting.
- Listing on Lifehouse web site as Major Sponsor with a link to your business's web site.
- Recognition in Lifehouse newsletter mailed to 6,000 Bay Area addresses.
- Identified as Major Sponsor in all press releases and media announcements within Bay Area.
- Identified as Major Sponsor on lobby signs.

Supporting Sponsor \$2,500

- 1,000 invitations mailed to Bay area addresses with your business name listed as Supporting Sponsor.
- Four tickets to the Awards Banquet.
- Acknowledgement in introductions during the program at the banquet.
- Listing on 300 programs for the evening placed at each place setting.
- Listing on Lifehouse web site as Supporting Sponsor with a link to your business's web site.
- Recognition in a Lifehouse newsletter mailed to 6,000 Bay Area addresses.
- Identified as a Supporting Sponsor on lobby signs.

Contributing Sponsor \$1,000

- 1,000 invitations mailed to Bay area addresses with your business name listed as Contributing Sponsor.
- Two tickets to the Awards Banquet.
- Acknowledgement in introductions during the program at the banquet.
- Listing on 300 programs for the evening, at each place setting.
- Listing on Lifehouse web site as Contributing Sponsor with a link to your business's web site.
- Recognition in a Lifehouse newsletter mailed to 6,000 Bay Area addresses.



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Annual Awards Banquet Sponsorship Form

Company Name _____
(As you would like to appear in printed materials)

Yes, I would like to sponsor the Lifehouse Annual Awards Banquet at the following level:

- Presenting Sponsorship \$7,500
- Major Sponsorship \$5,000
- Supporting Sponsorship \$2,500
- Contributing Sponsorship \$1,000

Contact Name _____

Title _____

Email _____

Phone _____ **Fax** _____

Sponsorship Payment Method Check Visa Mastercard

*On behalf of the over 180 clients Lifehouse serves,
thank you for your generous support!*

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