

**FRANK HOWARD ALLEN'S MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM SUPPORTS SIX
LOCAL AGENCIES IN MARIN AND SONOMA COUNTIES**

Company Matched Agent Donations Raise Over \$55,000

Novato, CA, August 13, 2007 —Frank Howard Allen, dedicated to supporting local community causes and contributing to the responsible growth and development of the North Bay since 1910, raised over \$55,000 for local organizations through the 2006-2007 Matching Grants program.

The Matching Grants program creates partnerships with local community-based organizations by having each office and its agents choose an organization in their community to be the recipient of their Matching Grant funds, generated when agents elect to donate a sum of money from closed escrows, which is then matched dollar for dollar by the company.

"Frank Howard Allen has been an outstanding community partner with COTS for many years. Frank Howard Allen agents volunteer in COTS programs and even have helped homeless people to purchase their own homes," said John Records, Executive Director of COTS, a Sonoma County organization that offers care and support programs to the homeless. "We're particularly grateful for the additional support that Frank Howard Allen provides through its Matching Grants Program, which provides much needed funds for our work."

Hospice By The Bay, located in Marin County, echoes the same sentiment. "Successful partnerships are an integral part of community enrichment, growth, and prosperity. Hospice By The Bay values and appreciates the opportunity to partner with Frank Howard Allen, and is honored to have been selected as the recipient of its agents' contributions through the Matching Grants Program. All funds received will be used to support hospice and palliative care services, to expand its programs, and to provide education to the community on end-of-life issues," said Mary Taverna, President and CEO of Hospice By The Bay.

Mary Kay Sweeney, Executive Director of Homeward Bound of Marin is also grateful for the support from Frank Howard Allen. "The matching grants program is a commitment of involvement with the community. For Homeward Bound, it links people who are housed with those who are not...yet," said Mary. "We share a natural affinity with Frank Howard Allen, wanting to have people move home, for good. It is also a huge commitment on the part of the corporation, a vital contributor to the community. Only by working together, can we achieve our highest aspirations."

Each August, the Matching Grant checks are presented by Larry Brackett, CEO/President and Kathleen Hilken, EVP/General Manager to representatives from the selected agencies during a small ceremony located at the each respective donating Frank Howard Allen office. Among this year's recipients are **COTS/Committee of the Shelterless (Petaluma Office), Homeward Bound of Marin (Tiburon and Novato Offices), The Living Room (Santa Rosa Office), Meals of Marin (Greenbrae Office), Hospice By The Bay (San Rafael Office) and AHO/ The Ambassadors of Hope and Opportunity (Mill Valley Office).**

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COTS/Committee on the Shelterless (Petaluma Office) – check presentation August 7

COTS offers help and hope to homeless persons in Sonoma County by providing safe shelter and housing, helping people develop steady incomes and helping them get back under a roof of their own. www.cots-homeless.org

Homeward Bound of Marin (Tiburon & Novato Office) – check presentation August 15 (Tiburon) and August 23 (Novato)

Homeward Bound provides long-term housing and support services for approximately 2,000 people, including 200 or more children, each year in Marin County. www.hbofm.org

The Living Room (Santa Rosa Office) – check presentation August 16

The Living Room, the only daytime drop-in program in Sonoma County that specifically serves homeless and at-risk women and their children, provides participants from nearby programs and shelters with a place to be during the day when shelters are closed. It is also a critical first stop for women who are the verge of becoming homeless and the first place that at-risk or newly homeless turn to for relief and referral support. www.thelivingroomsc.org

Meals of Marin (Greenbrae Office) – check presentation August 23

Meals of Marin provides nourishment, comfort, hope and dignity to home-bound people battling life-threatening illnesses in Marin County through the daily preparation and home-delivery of freshly cooked, healthy, appetizing meals.

Hospice By The Bay (San Rafael Office) – check presentation August 30

Hospice By The Bay, formerly Hospice of Marin, provides hospice and palliative care services for patients and their caregivers needing care and support during the final stages of life. Hospice By The Bay, serving Marin, San Francisco and Sonoma, is the second oldest hospice in the United States. www.hospicebythebay.org

AHO/The Ambassadors of Hope and Opportunity (Mill Valley Office) – check presentation TBD

The Ambassadors of Hope and Opportunity provides a “safety net” of stable housing, guidance and community connections for young adults ages 18 to 25 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness in Marin County.

For more information about these programs, and other community involvement and sponsorship events, please visit the Frank Howard Allen News Pages: www.fhallen.com/news

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