

**FRANK HOWARD ALLEN SUPPORTS SIX LOCAL AGENCIES IN  
MARIN AND SONOMA THROUGH MATCHING GRANTS PROGRAM**  
*Over \$45,000 Raised from Company-Matched Agent Donations*

Novato, CA, August 31, 2009 — Frank Howard Allen is proud to announce that over \$45,000 has been raised for local organizations through the 2008-2009 Matching Grants Program. Dedicated to consistently giving back to the areas it serves, Frank Howard Allen actively supports community causes throughout the year. The Matching Grants Program, which creates partnerships with local non-profits, is the largest company-wide endeavor. The Program enables agents to donate a sum of money from closed escrows, which is then matched dollar-for-dollar by the company.

“It’s a priority for us as a company and members of the community to assist in offering support - whether it be monetary or through volunteer efforts - where and when we can,” said Larry Brackett, Chairman/CEO of Frank Howard Allen. “The Matching Grants Program is a wonderful way for us to pool our resources and support these chosen organizations and the vital services they provide.”

Every August, each Frank Howard Allen office and its agents present a Matching Grants check to a representative from a chosen agency. This year’s Matching Grants recipients are: A Home Away from Homelessness (Greenbrae office), Ambassadors of Hope & Opportunity (Mill Valley office), COTS/Committee on the Shelterless (Petaluma office), Homeward Bound of Marin (Tiburon & Novato offices), Hospice By The Bay (San Rafael office), and The Living Room (Santa Rosa office).

**A Home Away from Homelessness (Greenbrae Office)** – check presentation August 13  
A Home Away from Homelessness is a non-profit organization that nurtures and supports the needs of homeless and formerly homeless children and families in San Francisco and Marin.  
[homeaway.org](http://homeaway.org)

**AHO/Ambassadors of Hope and Opportunity (Mill Valley Office)** – check presentation August 18  
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. [ahoproject.org](http://ahoproject.org)

**COTS/Committee on the Shelterless (Petaluma Office)** – check presentation August 25  
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. [cots-homeless.org](http://cots-homeless.org)



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**Homeward Bound of Marin (Tiburon & Novato Offices)** – check presentation August 19 (Tiburon); August 20 (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. [hbofm.org](http://hbofm.org)

**Hospice By The Bay (San Rafael Office)** – check presentation August 27

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. [hospicebythebay.org](http://hospicebythebay.org)

**The Living Room (Santa Rosa Office)** – check presentation August 13

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. [thelivingroomsc.org](http://thelivingroomsc.org)

For more information about other Frank Howard Allen community involvement and sponsorship events, please visit: [fhallen.com/news](http://fhallen.com/news)

## **About Frank Howard Allen**

Since 1910, Frank Howard Allen has been a part of North Bay community life, providing the highest level of professional service while staying committed to giving back to local non-profits. Today, with more than 20 offices and over 600 agents, Frank Howard Allen is the largest independent real estate company focused exclusively on serving the North Bay. Voted “Best Real Estate Company” for six years in a row by the readers of *NorthBay biz* magazine, Frank Howard Allen is large enough to offer comprehensive services and resources, yet small enough to provide extraordinary personalized care. For more information, visit: [fhallen.com](http://fhallen.com).

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