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## MORE THAN 140 ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS NOMINATED FOR HEART OF MARIN AWARDS ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009

SAN RAFAEL, CA—November 17, 2008—The Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership (Center) and presenting sponsor Tamalpais Bank announced that they had received more than 140 nominations in five categories for the 16th Heart of Marin Awards to be held on **Thursday, January 8, 2009** at the Marin Center Exhibit Hall in San Rafael. The Heart of Marin Awards Luncheon honors Marin nonprofits and the committed individuals who serve them. A list of nominees is available at [www.cvnl.org](http://www.cvnl.org)

Nominees will be recognized and winners will be presented awards in the following categories: Excellence in Leadership, Excellence in Board Leadership, Volunteer of the Year, Youth Volunteers of the Year, Achievement in Nonprofit Excellence and Corporate Community Service. Winners in each of the first five categories will receive an award of \$5,000 to go to the nonprofit of their choice.

Awards this year have been generously sponsored by **Woodlands Market** (Volunteer of the Year), **Bregante and Company, LLP** (Excellence in Board Leadership), **Autodesk** (Achievement in Nonprofit Excellence), **Bank of Marin** (Youth Volunteer of the Year), and **Marin Community Foundation** (Excellence in Leadership).

“When we created the Heart of Marin Awards,” said Mark Garwood, Chairman, CEO/president of Tamalpais Bank. “We saw it as an opportunity for the business community to honor Marin's non-profit community. We take great pride that over the years, Heart of Marin has become such an important event and that so many worthy organizations are nominated each year for recognition. As the major underwriter of the event, we continue believe that Award recipients as well as all the nominees represent the highest achievements of volunteerism.”

The Champion Award this year will be given posthumously to Pam Hamilton, a Marin-based publicist who was well known and respected for her work with the nonprofit sector. The Champion Award recipient is chosen by the Center's Board for outstanding contribution to the community.

Popular film critic for KRON 4 and KCBS Jan Wahl will emcee the event. Members of the public are encouraged to purchase tickets now for this popular, sellout event. Admission is \$55 per person or \$550 for a table of ten.

To reserve your spot or table, please send attendee name(s) and a check made payable to the Center at: Heart of Marin Awards, Center for Volunteer and Nonprofit Leadership of Marin, 555 Northgate Drive, San Rafael, CA 94903

Call 415.479.5710 for more information, or visit our website at [www.cvnl.org](http://www.cvnl.org).

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