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**SafeHouse of the Desert chosen to be honored at first-ever  
California Nonprofits Day celebration**

***Awards, state leaders will honor “Nonprofits of the Year”  
at State Capitol event June 22***

**Coachella Valley June 14, 2016** – On Wednesday, June 22, SafeHouse of the Desert will be honored as a Nonprofit of the Year at a celebration of California Nonprofits Day at the State Capitol in Sacramento.

SafeHouse of the Desert has been selected by Assemblymember Chad Mayes as an exceptional nonprofit organization in his district community. SafeHouse of the Desert will join other nonprofit leaders from across the state being honored at this inaugural California Nonprofits Day event.

SafeHouse of the Desert is Coachella Valley's only shelter for youth in crisis. With community support, SafeHouse provides short and long-term services, 24 hours a day, for runaway youth, homeless youth and young adults, and victims of human trafficking throughout Riverside County.

“With shelters in Riverside and the Coachella Valley we have been caring for youth in crisis for 25 years. SafeHouse is honored to be recognized by Assemblymember Chad Mayes as Non-Profit of the Year.” Executive Director, Kathy McAdara

The award recipients will visit the Assembly Floor and then will be honored at a luncheon at Sacramento’s Sheraton Grand Hotel, with presentations from former Senate President Pro Tempore and Sacramento Mayor-Elect Darrell Steinberg, Assemblymember Rich Gordon, and Jan Masaoka, CEO of the California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits).

“Nonprofit organizations are vitally important to the economy and well-being of California. But too often nonprofits are ‘hidden in plain sight.’ We are thrilled that the State Assembly has passed a resolution putting the spotlight on nonprofits as an economic power that uses that power for the common good. We congratulate all of the award recipients on being honored for the great work they do every day to make California a better place,” said Jan Masaoka, CEO of California Association of Nonprofits (CalNonprofits), a statewide alliance of over 10,000 organizations, representing and promoting California’s growing nonprofit sector and working to bring the full power of nonprofits to strengthening communities.

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