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## **Lighthouse Honors Community Leaders with Salute America Awards**

*The Village Club Foundation and Treger Strasberg  
of Humble Design to be honored*

**Bloomfield Hills, Mich.** — Lighthouse of Oakland County will honor The Village Club Foundation and Treger Strasberg of Humble Design at its Salute America 2013 awards, to be held at Oakland Hills Country Club on Friday, June 21 at 6:30 p.m. Stacey DuFord from 104.3 WOMC will serve as the emcee.

The event, a fundraiser for Lighthouse PATH, honors individuals who embody the American spirit both professionally and philanthropically.

Established in 1983, The Village Club Foundation is the philanthropic arm of The Village Club of Bloomfield Hills and strives to improve the region by providing grants to qualified nonprofit organizations throughout Oakland, Wayne and Macomb counties. Grants are awarded to organizations that work within their local communities with a focus on education, human services, and cultural and civic enrichment.

Humble Design, based in Birmingham, was co-founded in 2009 by Strasberg and Ana Smith with a mission of providing families emerging from homelessness with safe, dignified homes. Due to varied circumstances such as domestic violence or unexpected job loss, many families leave all belongings behind when entering a shelter.

After a needs assessment, Humble Design provides families with gently used, donated furniture, housewares, toys, and accessories, as well as assistance with cleaning and assembly so that they may move into a clean, welcoming home and focus on the next steps of building their new life.

Strasberg has said many times that everyone deserves a chance to do great things with their lives and that some just need a small push in the right direction. Her message mirrors the vision of Lighthouse in helping people who need some assistance to veer away from crisis and towards self-sufficiency.

"Salute America honors and recognizes those individuals, organizations and communities that make a difference in the lives of others and we have great honorees this season," said Lighthouse President and CEO John Ziraldo.

"They are successful because of their work ethics and dedication and they understand and display the importance of giving back because it is a truly American thing to do. It's the same messages we communicate with our own clients on a daily basis."

Lighthouse PATH provides homeless women and children with a safe, nurturing environment for a period of two years. During that time, residents are trained to successfully transition from poverty to self-sufficiency.



The Salute America Awards event will consist of a strolling dinner, silent auction, a short program introducing a PATH client who will speak about her experience at Lighthouse and a tribute to the Honorees. Music will be provided by the 1964 Redding Band. The evening's co-chairs are Laura Stapleton of Bloomfield Hills and Ann Endres from Rochester Hills. Deborah Ridenour of Birmingham is the Silent Auction Chair.

To purchase tickets or make a donation, please visit [www.lighthouseoakland.org](http://www.lighthouseoakland.org) or for more information about the event call 248-972-1493. Prices range from \$125-250.

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**Lighthouse of Oakland County, Inc.** (LOC) has been providing services to low-income families in the area since 1972. It is a family of agencies providing a full range of services designed to move people from crisis and instability to self-sufficiency.

Lighthouse last year provided assistance to families and individuals in need on 62,000 separate occasions through three key subsidiaries: Lighthouse Community Development (LCD), which rejuvenates communities through affordable housing and educated homeowners; Lighthouse Emergency Services (LES), which provides emergency food, housing, medical, utility and other services to people who need immediate help; and Lighthouse PATH (PATH), which provides long-term housing and support to help women with children achieve self-sufficiency and a healthy family environment.