

# *Laguna Honda Hospital*

## *Buyer's and Donor's Beware: Where's the "Sunshine" on Donations to Laguna Honda Volunteers, Inc.'s "Black Tie" Gala Dinner?*

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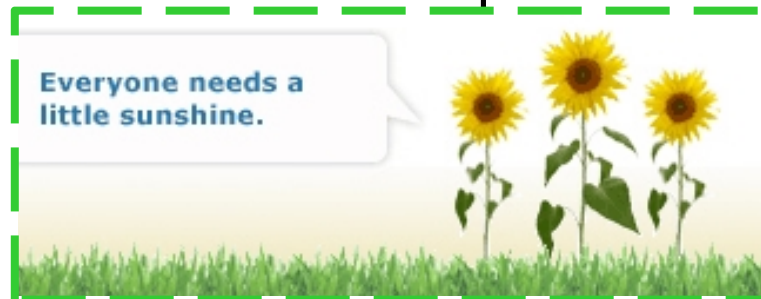
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Screen Capture of Laguna Honda Volunteers Inc.'s  
Board of Directors Web Page

# During Off-Campus Restaurant Trips, LHH Residents Enjoy the Sunshine; LHH Gift Fund Donors Need Sunshine, Too

- “Sunshine” is a term also used to refer to **being open with the public** that organizations serve.
- The Laguna Honda Volunteers, Inc. web site **ironically** contains an illustration noting “**Everyone needs a little sunshine.**”
- It’s an important lesson for Volunteer’s, Inc.’s board members, who should provide more sunlight about how LHH may be diverting funds intended for patients to staff amenities, instead.

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# Buyer Beware: The “Black-Tie Gala” Fundraising Dinner Provides Scant “Tax Deductible” Return on Admission Fees

- The RSVP form for the LHH Black-Tie Gala Fundraising Dinner indicates checks should be made payable to the Laguna Honda Volunteers, Inc., noting it is a “501(c)(3) non-profit,” an IRS tax-exempt designation.
- The \$250 admission fee for an individual provides **only \$50 as tax deductible**; the \$350 ticket get a **\$150 tax deduction**.
- Why do the fees provide so little as tax deductible? **Why the \$200 “overhead” per ticket?**

Please make checks payable to:

**Laguna Honda Hospital Volunteers, Inc.**

Please return by fax or mail to:

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# Buyer Beware: It Is Not Clear Which Organizations Are Beneficiaries of the Black-Tie Gala Dinner

- Although the RSVP form indicates checks should be endorsed to Volunteers, Inc., the **May issue of LHH's "Grapevine"** newsletter indicates the LHH Foundation — which is a separate non-profit organization — is also “hosting” the fund raiser.
- Why would the LHH Foundation be hosting the fundraising dinner **if it were not going to benefit** from the event?
- **Where's the "Sunshine" here?**

## RING IN THE NEW!

Get ready to celebrate the new Laguna Honda. Mayor Gavin Newsom and other luminaries will be on hand Saturday, June 26 at 1 pm for official ceremonies opening the new buildings. The event will unfold at the new main entrance in front of the Pavilion. Afterwards, the buildings will be open for public tours. For details, log on to [lagunahondaribboncutting.com](http://lagunahondaribboncutting.com).

The Laguna Honda Volunteers, Inc and **the Laguna Honda Foundation will host** a black tie fund raiser for the new Laguna Honda on Thursday evening June 24. The gala will take place on the sparkling new Esplanade. For ticket prices and other information, log on to [lagunahondagala.com](http://lagunahondagala.com).