Gingerbread House Contest
Rules and Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **When and where is the 2015 Gingerbread House Contest?** Saturday, November 21, 2015 from 11-4PM in the Lobby at the Ritz Theater, located at 107 Broadway Newburgh, NY 12550, hosted by Safe Harbors of the Hudson (Safe Harbors).

2. **What is the 2015 Gingerbread House Contest?** The 2015 Gingerbread House Contest is part of Safe Harbors’ annual Bells on Broadway, a Holiday Market and Children’s Festival. Something new, the Gingerbread House Contest is another way to raise funds for Safe Harbors and its programs with a $10 entry fee. Although optional, we also hope that all or some of the entries will be donated towards a silent auction whose proceeds will benefit Safe Harbors and its programs.

3. **How do I sign up?** The deadline to enter is 5PM on Friday, November 13, 2015. Fill out the application & send it with payment to Safe Harbors of the Hudson Att: June Henley 111 Broadway, Newburgh, NY 12550 or fax @ 845-565-4973 or email @ jhenley@safe-harbors.org. The application fee is $10. Every application must identify amateur vs. professional, student vs. adult.

4. **What are the potential fees?** There is a $10 entry fee. There is a $1.00 charge if you use credit card to cover the processing fees. If part of the Silent Auction, any and all proceeds will to Safe Harbors of the Hudson and its programs.

5. **What is the Silent Auction about?** We are hoping you’ll agree to make your entry available “for sale” via a silent auction whose proceeds will benefit Safe Harbors and its programs. This must be indicated on the application. For Silent Auction entries, the entry will be on display in the Ritz Box Office window until Wednesday, December 23. The silent auction winner(s) can pick them up then in time for the actual holiday. For Non Silent Auction entries, you can pick your entry up at 4PM on the day of the event. All non-Silent Auction entries that are not picked up will be discarded or donated.

6. **Is there anything that is required for each entry? What information do you need to know from me?** Each entry must be anchored on a base, usually of heavy-duty cardboard; something that makes it easy to transport and carry. Each entry must include a label with the ingredients (including any allergens like (peanut butter, nuts, gluten), title and, possibly, a sentence or 2 about the entry (what inspired you, an anecdote behind the story, etc). All entries must be dropped off in the Lobby at the Ritz between Monday, November 16 and Thursday, November 19. Entries do not have to be houses; think of them as edible structures. They must be made, mostly, of gingerbread. They may include edible ingredients such as graham cracker walls, marshmallow pieces and/or candy pieces.

7. **What time is the event? What if I can’t stay the whole time?** Event is 11-4PM; you do NOT have to stay for entire event.

8. **How do I get my entry to Safe Harbors?** All entries must be dropped in the Lobby at the Ritz between Monday, November 16 and Thursday, November 19. You should enter your entry available “for sale” via a silent auction whose proceeds will benefit Safe Harbors and its programs. If I am a professional, can I advertise for my own business? Due to space limitations, a professional may only put out a business card or a sign, sized no larger than 5” x 7”.

9. **What is the recognition?** All of the entries will most likely be photographed at the event, preferably with the creators. After the event, all participants and winners (and links to their businesses) will be listed on the Safe Harbors website and in a press release distributed to local media. One prize will be given out to the winner for each judging category and they’re great prizes! Please promote this event with family and friends via social media/word of mouth. The more, the merrier and the better your chances for winning Public Favorite!

10. **What about prizes?** Only ONE prize is given out to the winner.

11. **What’s the difference between a professional and amateur entry?** An Individual Adult Professional has a bricks & mortar storefront and/or presence on the internet via Facebook/website and/or has sold products for money.

12. **Is there a deadline for entering the contest?** The deadline to enter is 5PM on Friday, November 13, 2015.

13. **Are there a maximum number of entries for this contest?** There is a maximum of 20 entries for this contest, one per person or family.

14. **Who do I contact if I need additional information?** June Henley via email @ jhenley@safe-harbors.org or office phone at 845-784-1110 or cell phone at 845-629-8676.

15. **What are the categories for judging?**

   - Individual Adult Amateur (Age 18 and above)
   - Family Entry Amateur
   - Individual Student Amateur (Elementary/Middle School – K thru 8 grade)
   - Individual Student Amateur (High School – 9 thru 12 grade)
   - Individual Adult Professional
   - Public Favorite