



A solar house needs sun ... and more!

In nature, every leaf, large or small, collects energy from the sun. Your gift, large or small, will energize LEAFHouse -- an interdisciplinary project and growth experience for students, professors, professional mentors, and the entire community. So we invite you to invest in tomorrow's leaders in sustainable design and renewable energy. Your tax-deductible gift will support research and academic- and practice-related learning. Corporate and individual sponsors are categorized by the following levels of giving.

LEAFHouse Circle: \$50,000+
Benefactor: \$25,000+
Patron: \$10,000+
Sustaining: \$5,000+
Contributing: \$1,000+
Donor: \$250+
Friend: \$25 to 250

Sponsors will receive numerous benefits for their participation and support based on their level of support. A description of benefits follows, as well as a "Recognition Matrix" showing the benefits for each level of support.

All sponsors will:

- Be acknowledged in our Honor Roll on the LEAFHouse web site and in print
- Have the opportunity to place a "Proud Sponsor of the 2007 Maryland Solar Decathlon" .html tag on their website and/or a sign in their home or workplace

LEAFHouse **Circle** members, **Benefactors**, **Patrons**, and **Sustaining** sponsors will receive a selection of these benefits (see Recognition Matrix):

- Invitations to a private gala event and behind-the-scenes tour of LEAFHouse
- The opportunity to outfit the team in T-shirts with the sponsor's logo on the back. Team members will wear these shirts while setting up, competing, giving tours, and taking down the house over the course of the three weeks (21 days) they are on the National Mall
- Recognition on the construction job site on campus.
- Recognition inside the house while it is on display on the National Mall in the Fall of 2007, as follows:
 - In-kind donations of products or labor will be recognized with a visually attractive, educational "price tag" on the corresponding house feature,

detailing the name of the donor company, as well as the economic, energy, and environmental benefits of the feature

- Monetary donors will be given the opportunity to choose from a list of house features that their donation helped to provide. They will then be recognized with a visually attractive, educational “price tag” on that feature, similar to those offered to in-kind donors
- Ongoing website visibility: The educational “price tags” that appear inside the house on the National Mall will also be featured on an interactive map on the LEAFHouse website. The website “price tags” will contain additional information about the donor, the house feature, and its environmental, economic, and energy benefits. The interactive map will be available to viewers for months after the actual competition.
- Electronic updates on the project

Contributing Sponsors (either in-kind or monetary contributions) will have their contribution honored with a “price tag” on the interactive map on the LEAFHouse website, including information about a house feature and the donor, as described above.

All together, these tangible statements offer a remarkable opportunity for corporations, individuals, foundations and families to declare themselves friends of LEAFHouse and ally themselves with environmentally-friendly, forward-looking design.

<http://www.solarteam.org>