

Village of Hope fountain wins Lake Forest firm design honors

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An intricate urn-style fountain designed for the Orange County Rescue Mission's Village of Hope by Lake Forest -based Richard Cohen Landscape & Construction landed the firm two nods from the California Landscape Contractors Association – a Beautification Award and a Special Effects Trophy.

"We are honored to have received these awards that continue to show our commitment to quality and sustainability in each and every one of our projects," says company President Richard Cohen.



The water feature is also in the running for a Guinness World Record for the largest and heaviest urn. It weighs 16,500 pounds and measures over 16 feet tall.

Designed by Denmark artist Peter Brandes, the urn displays the 12 disciples in raised bone-colored images. The feature appears to float atop water via a hidden steel pole.

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The Orange County Rescue Mission's Village of Hope is a transitional facility for homeless men, women and children. It provides a campus-like environment for learning, medical and dental facilities, and residences for about 200 homeless people

"Thanks to Richard Cohen and his company, the residents at the Village of Hope have a gorgeous symbol of peace and tranquility," says John Luker, vice president of finance and compliance for the Orange County Rescue Mission.

Richard Cohen Landscape and Construction was founded in 1976. It creates, builds and maintains custom designs for commercial landscape management markets.