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Intel and Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley Celebrate Make A Difference Day at The DeFrank Center

Volunteers will assist the DeFrank Center with several renovation projects

(San Jose, October 5, 2005). The Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center proudly announces that Intel Corporation and Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley will be providing volunteers, supplies, and support on Make A Difference Day on Saturday, October 22, 2005. During this day, members from all three communities will work together to tackle several small renovation projects at the DeFrank Center, such as re-waxing the ballroom floor, re-organizing the kitchen, and re-painting the ceilings in the conference rooms.

“IGLOBE, Intel’s gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender employee group, was instrumental in creating this partnership, and we are extremely grateful to them, Intel Corporation, and Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley for choosing the DeFrank Center as a designee this year,” said Patrick Soricone, The DeFrank Center’s executive director. “Through all of the hard work from the cadre of DeFrank, Intel, and Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley volunteers, we will be able to continue to provide the Silicon Valley LGBT community and their allies with a well-maintained space to call home.”

Intel Involved, Intel's volunteer program, coordinates a variety of employee volunteer programs in support of education, environmental stewardship and safety, youth development, and community service. IGLOBE is an Intel-chartered employee group whose mission includes providing a forum for outreach and education about issues affecting the LGBT community.

“Working with Intel Involved is an exciting new way for the Santa Clara chapter of IGLOBE to fulfill this community outreach mission,” said Carl Matthews, Intel Senior Process Engineer and IGLOBE Santa Clara chapter coordinator. “The existence of the Billy DeFrank Center depends on the donation of time by volunteers from all over the Bay Area, and IGLOBE is proud to be able to help the DeFrank Center with some much needed repairs to the building’s infrastructure.”

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Each fall and spring, Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley unites volunteers to repair the homes of low-income, senior and disabled homeowners and rehabilitate non-profit organizations during Rebuilding Day efforts. Teams of volunteers come together to perform countless chores and repairs to create positive change in their neighborhoods, all at no cost to the facility or homeowner. “The improvements provided transform not only homes, but the lives of the people who benefit from their hard work. Each year, we see amazing gifts of love and compassion as we watch both volunteers and residents who are touched and changed by this tremendous experience,” said Beverley Jackson, Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley Executive Director.

“Make A Difference Day” was created by USA WEEKEND Magazine and is defined as a celebration of neighbors helping neighbors. The annual event takes place on the fourth Saturday of every October.

For more information about the event or how to volunteer, please call The DeFrank Center at 408.293.3040, ext. 117 or visit our website at www.defrank.org.

About The Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center:

Founded in 1981, the Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center addresses the needs and rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender people of all ages and backgrounds in Silicon Valley. The DeFrank Center provides a broad range of wellness, social and recreational activities, and emotional support services to approximately 400 visitors each week. The DeFrank Center is a 501(c)3, federally registered, tax-exempt organization, and receives over 21,000 contacts and requests for service a year (either in-person, via phone or on-line).

About Intel California Public Affairs:

Intel California Public Affairs represents Intel Corporation at its site communities in Folsom and Santa Clara. Intel believes in being an asset to our communities worldwide. We strive to provide a safe and healthy workplace, to conserve natural resources, and to minimize the impact our manufacturing operations have on the environment and neighboring communities. Working with educators from around the world, Intel is helping students prepare for the knowledge-based economy of the 21st century. Intel employees also contribute thousands of volunteer hours each year through the Intel Involved program which supports local education programs and coordinates community service projects. Learn more at www.intel.com/community.

About Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley:

Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley rehabilitates the homes of low income homeowners so that they may live in warmth, safety and independence and repairs nonprofit facilities so they can better serve our community. Each year, more than 1500 Silicon Valley volunteers join together to complete both major and minor repairs and improvements. Since establishment in 1991, Rebuilding Together Silicon Valley has renovated over 358 homes and community facilities. Additional information is available at www.rebuildingtogether-sv.org.

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