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The Billy DeFrank Center Re-Opens The Bohnett Cyber Center October 24, 2005, 6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

(San Jose, October 18, 2005). The Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center is proud to announce the grand re-opening of the David Bohnett Cyber Center on Monday, October 24. The event will feature the unveiling of over \$12,000 worth of equipment, including new 17" flat screen monitors, computers, a laser printer, a scanner, and several software packages.

The evening event will give visitors a chance to try the new equipment, enjoy light refreshments, and watch usage demonstrations by the DeFrank Center's IT Manager Joel Gilmore. The Bohnett Cyber Center will be used for many purposes, including helping those within the community that need access for working on resumes, performing research, working on school projects, and using the printing and scanning capabilities.

"This generous gift donation from the David Bohnett Foundation will allow us to better meet the needs of our community by providing us access to more and better machines, improve their technological skills, and reduce social isolation," said Patrick Soricone, The DeFrank Center's executive director. "We are extremely grateful for their continued generosity."

The grand re-opening will take place from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the DeFrank Center. All are invited to come celebrate and experience the updated Bohnett Cyber Center. Admission to the event is free. For more information, please call the DeFrank Center at 408.293.3040, ext. 103.

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).

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About The David Bohnett Foundation:

David Bohnett and the David Bohnett Foundation are committed to *improving society through social activism*. We pursue our mission by providing funding, state-of-the-art technology and technical support to innovative organizations and institutions that, in addition to meeting our funding guidelines, share our vision.

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