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‘Many Faces... One Community’ DeFrank Center Hosts 25th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, April 29, 2006

Annual Gala to benefit the Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center

(San Jose, CA – April 3, 2006) The Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center proudly announces that it will be hosting its 25th Anniversary Gala at the Fairmont Hotel in San Jose (170 South Market Street) on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at 6pm. The event, entitled ‘Many Faces... One Community,’ will mark as the premiere event to celebrate the DeFrank Center’s 25th anniversary of serving Silicon Valley’s LGBT community and their allies, and providing leadership for a just and compassionate Silicon Valley.

“We only get to be 25 once and we at the DeFrank Center are looking forward to celebrating this monumental occasion in grand style,” said Aejaie Sellers, the DeFrank Center’s executive director. “Thanks to our many sponsors for helping us put together this event and recognize our valuable contributions to Silicon Valley.”

The evening will feature cocktails by UV Vodka, a sit-down dinner, special entertainment by comedian Scott Capurro, silent and live auctions, and a historical montage and tribute to the DeFrank Center’s 25 years of service to Silicon Valley’s LGBT community and their allies.

Tickets are \$125 in advance and \$150 at the door. All proceeds benefit the DeFrank Center’s mission to strengthen communities by developing diverse resources that empower lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people and their allies. For more information, to learn about sponsorship opportunities, or to purchase tickets, visit: www.defrank.org/gala.

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). To learn more, visit www.defrank.org.