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DeFrank Center Secures \$10,000 Grant from the Horizons Foundation

Funding earmarked for the expansion of the DeFrank Center's HIV counseling and testing pilot program

(San Jose, CA – May 22, 2006). The Billy DeFrank Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community Center proudly announces that the Horizons Foundation, a community foundation rooted in and dedicated to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, approved a \$10,000 grant request from the DeFrank Center for the 2006 HIV/AIDS Community Grant cycle. Funding from this proposal will be used to expand the DeFrank Center's HIV counseling and testing pilot program into a full-time program.

“Horizons Foundation has always been a great partner to the LGBT community and to the DeFrank Center, and we are delighted that they are supporting our efforts to create another HIV counseling and testing facility within Santa Clara County,” said Aejaie Sellers, executive director at the DeFrank Center.

“Of the total of 3,577 reported HIV cases in Santa Clara County since 1981, 933 HIV cases have been reported June 2002 and June 2005 alone. HIV transmission rates in Santa Clara County are not declining. This is not a time to be complacent about our understanding and awareness about HIV, and we must dramatically increase our prevention and testing efforts in this county and worldwide,” Sellers added.

Since February 1, 2006, the DeFrank Center offers onsite HIV counseling and testing services to serve persons at greatest risk of HIV and other sexually transmitted diseases. The program, in partnership with the Santa Clara County Department of Public Health, provides free confidential HIV counseling and testing services every Wednesday evening from 5-9pm. Rapid testing technology delivers a preliminary test result within twenty minutes and provides confirmatory HIV test results in one week.

For more information about the DeFrank Center's pilot counseling and testing program, visit http://www.defrank.org/services/health/hiv_aids.html or call our Health and Wellness Coordinator, Anthony Trazo, at 408.293.3040, ext. 112.

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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.

About Horizons Foundation:

A community foundation rooted in and dedicated to the lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender community, Horizons Foundation exists to:

- Mobilize and increase resources for the LGBT movement and organizations that secure the rights, meet the needs, and celebrate the lives of LGBT people.
- Empower individual donors and promote giving as an integral part of a healthy, compassionate community.
- Steward a permanently endowed fund through which donors can make legacy gifts to ensure our community's capacity to meet the future needs of LGBT people.

Based in the San Francisco Bay Area, Horizons aspires to set a stellar example of effective community based philanthropy in all its work. For more information, visit www.horizonsfoundation.org.