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DeFrank Center Secures \$2,700 Grant from the Intuit Foundation

Funding provided will further expand the DeFrank Center's HIV counseling and testing program

(San Jose, CA – October 26, 2006). The Billy DeFrank Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community Center proudly announces that the Intuit Foundation, approved a \$2,700 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.

“The Intuit Foundation proactively seeks out nonprofits to fund, but can only focus on a few. It is a true honor to have the DeFrank Center selected. The grant validates the accomplishments of the organization thus far and further enables the HIV counseling and testing facility to provide its services to the local community,” said Aejaie Sellers, executive director at the DeFrank Center.

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. Beginning in 2007, the DeFrank Center will provide 30 hours of testing and counseling each week. The majority of the testing will be held in the evening so that working individuals can access these vital services without taking time off of work.

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 Intuit Foundation:

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