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World AIDS Day Honored at the DeFrank Center

Large red ribbon will be placed outside the building to commemorate the day

(San Jose, CA - December 1, 2006). The Billy DeFrank LGBT Community Center recognized December 1st as World AIDS Day by placing a large red ribbon on the front of the building.

“There are approximately 40 million people living with HIV worldwide and an estimated 25 million people who have died from AIDS,” said Aejaie Sellers, the DeFrank Center’s executive director. “Unfortunately, HIV infection rates are increasing globally. We need to ensure that HIV testing becomes part of every person’s regular health routine so that we can prevent future transmissions.”

“By placing this ribbon on the front of the building, we hope to generate conversation about HIV and its impact on the Silicon Valley community,” added Ms. Sellers.

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. Currently, free confidential HIV counseling and testing services are offered every Wednesday evening from 5–9 p.m. The DeFrank Center will expand its HIV counseling and testing program starting in 2007.

For more information about the DeFrank Center’s HIV testing program, visit www.defrank.org/services/health/hiv_aids.html.

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.