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DeFrank Center Receives \$10,000 Grant from Gilead Sciences

Funding will support HIV counseling and testing program

(San Jose, CA – January 24, 2007) The Billy DeFrank Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender (LGBT) Community Center proudly announces that Gilead Sciences approved a \$10,000 grant request for support to our HIV counseling and testing program utilizing rapid test technology at the DeFrank Center. With the funding from Gilead, the DeFrank Center's HIV counseling and testing program will continue to provide free confidential HIV counseling and testing services throughout 2007.

“Since February 1, 2006, the DeFrank Center's pilot HIV counseling and testing program provided over 200 free HIV tests,” said Aejaie Sellers, executive director at the DeFrank Center. “We are very grateful to Gilead Sciences for supporting our HIV counseling and testing program and look forward to partnering with them again in the future.”

With a projected start date of February 1, 2007, the DeFrank Center will provide 44 hours of free HIV counseling and testing services from Monday to Thursday each week. Appointments will be required for tests between 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., and will be handled on a first-come, first-served basis from 2:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.

For more information about the DeFrank Center's HIV counseling and testing program, visit http://www.defrank.org/services/health/hiv_aids.html or call Anthony Trazo, Sexual Health Services Coordinator, at (408) 293-3040 x112.

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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 and 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 each year (either in person, via phone or online). To learn more, visit www.defrank.org.

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