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

Funding will support multi-lingual breast health educational workshops

(San Jose, CA – May 1, 2007) The Billy DeFrank Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, and Transgender (LGBT) Community Center proudly announces that the Safeway Foundation, the philanthropic wing of Safeway Inc., approved a \$10,000 request from the DeFrank Center. Funding from this proposal will be used to host several breast health educational workshops throughout fiscal year 2007-2008.

“Lesbian and bisexual women are at greater risk for breast cancer due to fear and perceived need to remain closeted, and provider insensitivity, homophobia and discrimination,” said Aejaie Sellers, executive director at the DeFrank Center. “We are deeply grateful to the Safeway Foundation for its continued commitment to provide breast health education to the members of the LGBT community and their allies in Silicon Valley.”

The DeFrank Center will offer three breast health workshops in July 2007, October 2007, which is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and April 2008. Workshops will be facilitated by leading members of the oncology field who are familiar with the population, and will focus on breast health awareness, breast cancer awareness, risk assessment, breast cancer prevention, detection and screening tests, and available treatments and resources. Resources and presentations will be available in English, Spanish, and Vietnamese.

For more information about the DeFrank Center’s Breast Health workshops, visit the DeFrank Center’s website at www.defrank.org or call our Health and Wellness Coordinator, Kevin Nguyen, 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 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.

About Safeway Inc:

Safeway is a Fortune 100 company and one of the largest food and drug retailers in North America, based on sales. The company operates 1,761 stores in the United States and Canada and had annual sales of \$40.2 billion in 2006. The company's stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol SWY. The Safeway Foundation gave more than \$154 million in donations and products to a wide range of causes in 2006. In addition to supporting people with disabilities, the company supports hunger relief, education and health human service programs, including the Prostate Cancer Foundation and breast cancer awareness and research programs.

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