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**Funding Grows for New Axis Community Health Center**

Axis Community Health is one step closer to opening a new clinic for low-income residents, thanks to a generous contribution from the Fremont Bank Foundation. The \$50,000 grant will support construction of the clinic, which Axis will open by the end of 2015 and double the nonprofit organization's service capacity.

"We are pleased to be part of this critical and inspiring project that is central to providing medical care and behavioral health services for thousands of people for many years to come," said Marie-Pascale Peterson, Director of Community Outreach for Fremont Bank.

"Fremont Bank Foundation has been a true friend of Axis through the years," said Sue Compton, Axis CEO. "This latest contribution reinforces their commitment to serve the needs of Tri-Valley residents."

Construction of the new facility, located in Pleasanton, involves a complete interior renovation of 24,000 square feet of space to create 27 exam rooms, seven counseling rooms, a patient pharmacy, and a health education classroom. During December, interior demolition began and Axis is now poised to start renovation.

"The new clinic allows Axis to meet a growing demand for affordable local health care — a demand that is projected to double in the next five years," according to Compton. "With Fremont Bank Foundation's support, we are well on our way to offering Tri-Valley residents a brighter, healthier future."

Axis is the only provider of medical care for low-income and uninsured Tri-Valley residents, serving more than 14,000 individuals. The new health center has an overall project cost of \$12 million, and Axis is raising \$1.7 million through a capital campaign to help pay for construction. Additional funding will come from Alameda County and the Cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton. The remainder will be financed.

Axis presently has two medical clinic sites, one in Pleasanton and one in Livermore, as well as two behavioral health sites and a Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program site. All five current sites will remain open.

Founded in 1972, Axis provides quality, affordable medical, mental health, and substance abuse services that promote the well-being of all members of the community. In the last year, Tri-Valley residents made more than 100,000 visits to one of Axis' five locations. For more information about the project, contact the Axis Development Office at 925-201-6068.

Fremont Bank is the primary funding source for Fremont Bank Foundation, which was established in 1995 as an independent, private grant-making foundation. Sharing with the community is at the heart of Fremont Bank Foundation, which provides financial assistance to nonprofit organizations, for the implementation of services and programs that enhance the quality of life for all people in the communities served by Fremont Bank.

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Photo Caption:

Sue Compton, CEO of Axis Community Health (left), receives a \$50,000 check from Marie-Pascale Peterson, Director of Community Outreach for Fremont Bank. The contribution from the Fremont Bank Foundation will support construction of Axis' new health clinic.