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Hacienda Helping Hands awards Axis \$10,000

Grant to help pay for new Pleasanton health center opening next summer

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Hacienda Helping Hands has awarded a \$10,000 impact grant to Axis Community Health, a non-profit organization that provides affordable health services to Tri-Valley residents.

The grant will be used to help pay for construction of a new health center in Pleasanton that will open next summer.

"Hacienda Helping Hands felt a \$10,000 impact grant could make a real difference at this critical time when Axis is raising funds to open the new community clinic which will serve thousands of Tri-Valley residents who rely on Axis for health care," said James Paxson, Hacienda's general manager. "We are pleased to step up as supporters of this important effort."

The new health center will double Axis's service capacity in both primary health care and mental health.

The nonprofit organization now has two clinic sites, one in downtown Pleasanton and another at Livermore's multi-services center. It also operates two behavioral health sites and a Women, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program site.

The new facility, which involves a complete interior renovation of the structure at 5925 W. Las Positas, will add an additional 27 exam rooms and seven counseling rooms.

"Hacienda Helping Hands has come through again for us and we are very grateful," said Sue Compton, Axis CEO.

"Construction for the new clinic begins later this year, so every dollar we can raise now is needed," she added.

The project has an overall cost of \$12 million, and Axis is raising \$1.7 million through a capital campaign to help pay for construction costs. Additional funding will come from Alameda County and the cities of Dublin, Livermore and Pleasanton; the remainder will be financed.