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Construction starts on new \$12-million Axis Community Health center

Pleasanton facility will double affordable health services in Tri-Valley

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Construction has started on a new center for Axis Community Health that will double capacity for primary and mental health care in the Tri-Valley.

Axis, a non-profit organization, provides affordable health services to more than 14,000 for low-income and uninsured families in the Tri-Valley.

The new 24,000 sq. ft. health center, located at 5925 W. Las Positas Blvd. in Pleasanton, will feature 27 exam rooms and seven counseling rooms.

The project has an overall cost of \$12 million, with Axis 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 Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore. The remainder will be financed.

The new center will open in mid-2015.

Axis has two medical clinic sites, one in downtown Pleasanton and one at Livermore's multi-services center, as well as two behavioral health sites and a Women's, Infants and Children (WIC) nutrition program site. All 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's five locations.

For more information about Axis, call the Axis Development Office at (925) 201-6068.

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PHOTO CAPTION:

Axis Board Chairman James Paxson and chief executive officer Sue Compton wielded the hammers to breakthrough a wall of the vacant, empty building that the new Axis center will occupy.

From left, Charlotte Salomon, Axis Campaign Chair; Alameda County Supervisor Nate Miley; Valerie Jonas, Axis chief development officer; Marianne Balin, Kaiser Permanente Community Benefits; James Paxson, Axis Board Chairman; Sue Compton, Axis chief executive officer; Congressman Eric Swalwell (D-15th); Dee Brook; Livermore Mayor John Marchand, and Josh Thurman of Supervisor Scott Haggerty's office.

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