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Axis opens \$12-million health center in Pleasanton at 1 p.m. today

New 24,000 square foot health center doubles Axis' service capacity for low income, uninsured

by Jeb Bing / Pleasanton Weekly

Axis Community Health will hold a grand opening celebration for its new health center from 1-3:30 p.m. Saturday at 5925 W. Las Positas Blvd.

Axis, a non-profit organization, provides affordable health services to more than 14,000 Tri-Valley residents. The new facility, which is now open, is designed to meet the growing need for health care services for low-income and uninsured families.

Featured speakers at Saturday's event will include Congressman Eric Swalwell (D.-Dublin), County Supervisors Nate Miley and Scott Haggerty, Axis Board chairman James Paxson and Axis chief executive officer Sue Compton.

Those attending the ceremony will be offered a tour of the new facility.

"This is a true milestone for Axis, for the people we serve, and for the many community members, government representatives and supporters who have helped make this project a reality," Compton said. "Access to care has taken a huge, wonderful step forward."

The new 24,000 square foot health center doubles Axis's service capacity for primary health care and mental health. Construction involved a complete interior renovation of the existing structure in order to create 27 exam rooms, seven counseling rooms and ancillary service areas. The project was completed by INDE Architecture and general contractor Oliver & Co.

Some funding for the \$12 million project came from Alameda County, the cities of Pleasanton, Dublin and Livermore, and the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. The remainder is being financed through The California Endowment and Capital Impact Partners.

Axis also raised \$1.7 million for construction through a capital campaign, and is now raising an additional \$300,000 for medical equipment and furnishings.

Major campaign supporters include Kaiser Permanente, Palo Alto Medical Foundation, Stanford Health Care/ValleyCare, Fremont Bank Foundation and HEDCO Foundation, an organization that helps make fundraising more effective.

Axis also has additional medical clinic sites, including one in downtown Pleasanton and one at Livermore's multi-services center, as well as two behavioral health sites and a Women, 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.

To attend the grand opening celebration, call (925) 201-6017.

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The newly opened health center will provide medical and mental health services for thousands of low-income Tri-Valley residents. n



Civic celebration will officially open Axis Community Health's new \$12 million health center in Pleasanton Saturday.



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