

Axis Community Health News Release

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Axis Community Health Names Carol Beddome Development Director

Pleasanton, Calif. – Axis Community Health, providing medical, mental health, substance abuse counseling and health education services to residents of the Tri-Valley, has named Carol Beddome its new Development Director.

Ms. Beddome, well-known in the Tri-Valley for her work with Open Heart Kitchen, will join Axis Community Health on December 3, 2007. She succeeds Sue Compton, B.S.N., M.H.S, who has been named the agency's CEO, effective November 1, 2007.

Before entering the nonprofit sector, Ms. Beddome worked in sales and management in the high-tech industry, working for such companies as Wyse Technologies, Acer America, Inc., Sun Microsystems, Inc., and Netiq Corporation. In 2002, she made the transition to nonprofits "looking for work that matters", a growing trend among high tech professional women.

During her two years as executive director at Open Heart Kitchen, the only free hot meal service in the Tri-Valley, Beddome increased the meal count from 120,000 to 178,000, annually. She developed the agency from a grassroots, start-up organization to a premier organization with three distinct operating businesses and an operating budget of \$500,000. While accomplishing this, she reduced the overall costs for the meal programs.

"Over the past few years, Carol has become very well known and respected in the community and we feel very fortunate that she has chosen to come to Axis," says CEO Sue Compton. "We welcome her enthusiastically and anticipate attaining some important goals with her help."

About Axis Community Health

Axis Community Health offers medical, mental health, substance abuse counseling and health education services to residents of the Tri-Valley. Founded in 1972 as a licensed nonprofit organization, Axis serves 14,000 community members annually through direct services and school- and community-based education, prevention and treatment programs. It operates facilities in Pleasanton, Livermore and Dublin. Axis is supported by local, state and federal funding, foundation grants, client revenues and community donations. Detailed information is available at www.axishealth.org.

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