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Fremont Human Services Nominated for Excellence Award

By a Staff Reporter

FREMONT, Calif. — The City of Fremont's Human Services Department's Community Ambassador Program for Seniors has been selected as a finalist for the 2009 Awards for Municipal Excellence, said a press release.

The program was recognized for its efforts at linking senior citizens to social services such as health care, transportation, and care management. Ambassadors for the program reach out to senior citizens in their language and within the context of their cultural norms.

The Human Services Depart-

ment partnered with seven local cultural and faith-based organizations in forming the program, including the Centerville Presbyterian Church, the Muslim Support Network, Sikhs Engaged in Volunteer Activities, the India Community Center, the Taiwanese Community Help Association, Our Lady of Guadalupe and St. Anne Catholic Parish. The program includes 88 trained ambassadors, who have served about 1,500 people.

"We are proud to be a finalist for this prestigious award. The CAPS program develops leaders within the immigrant community and strengthens civic partnerships among the City of

Fremont and the multitude of groups interested in a supportive environment for all families to flourish in the Tri-City area," said Fremont Human Services director Suzanne Shenfl.

The Award for Municipal Excellence is cosponsored by the National League for Cities and the firm CH2M HILL. The award program received 192 nominations from cities and towns in 39 states.

The winners of the 2009 Awards for Municipal Excellence will be announced in San Antonio Nov. 13. More information on the CAPS program can be found at www.capseniors.org and www.fremont.gov.



A training session for participants in Fremont's Community Ambassador Program for Seniors. (www.capseniors.org)