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***A SHARED VISION OF COMMUNITY
THE POWER OF CULTURAL & FAITH-BASED PARTNERSHIPS***

Six ethnic and faith-based organizations present their community's challenges, needs, vision, and solutions to serving older adults

[Fremont, CA, July 18, 2007] – Pathways to Positive Aging, a partnership between the City of Fremont Human Services Department and the Tri-City Elder Coalition, invites members of the community to a panel discussion on the power of cultural and faith-based partnerships. Each community will share its needs, challenges, and vision for serving older adults in the Tri-City area, and will describe the innovative solutions that they are developing. The presentation will include the Muslim Support Network, India Community Center, Centerville Presbyterian Church, Taiwanese Community Help Association, Afghan Elderly Association, and Sikhs Engaged in Volunteer Activities.

Date: Tuesday, July 24, 2007
Time: 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.
Place: Fukaya Room
Fremont Main Library
2400 Stevenson Boulevard
Fremont, CA

Based on over 14 focus groups in nine languages with older adults, and two large community dialogues in 2005, a community strategic plan was developed to support the needs of Tri-City older adults. With funding from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Pathways to Positive Aging has made great strides in supporting cultural and faith-based groups serving seniors. Cutting edge, nationally-recognized initiatives are being implemented, and the power of working collaboratively has helped these organizations secure additional funding. The presentation is open to the community, and free of charge. For more information, contact Asha Chandra at (510) 574-2055 or email achandra@ci.fremont.ca.us.

The Robert Wood Johnson Foundation focuses on the pressing health and health care issues facing our country. As the nation's largest philanthropy devoted exclusively to improving the health and health care of all Americans, the Foundation works with a diverse group of organizations and individuals to identify solutions and achieve comprehensive, meaningful and timely change. For more than 30 years the Foundation has brought experience, commitment, and a rigorous, balanced approach to the problems that affect the health and health care of those it serves. When it comes to helping Americans lead healthier lives and get the care they need, the Foundation expects to make a difference in your lifetime.

The City of Fremont Human Services Department works to support a vibrant community through the creation and maintenance of services that empower individuals, strengthen families, encourage self-sufficiency, enhance neighborhoods, and foster a high quality of life.

The Tri-City Elder Coalition is an affiliation of health care and long-term care providers, community and governmental agencies, elected officials, caregivers and older adults. The Coalition works to identify and meet the needs of seniors in the community by taking action through advocacy, education, resource coordination and information sharing.