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Avenidas and the City of Mountain View Partner to Provide Free Handyman Services to Low-Income Mountain View Residents

Goal is to make residences safer and more accessible

Palo Alto, CA (January 24, 2008) – The City of Mountain View has contracted with Avenidas, which operates the senior center in Palo Alto and Avenidas Rose Kleiner Senior Day Health Center in Mountain View, to provide free minor home repair and home accessibility services to low-income Mountain View residents through its Handyman Services program. The program starts now and runs until June 2008.

“Avenidas has been operating the Handyman Services program for almost 40 years, conducting an average of 633 jobs a year, so we have a great track record for providing quality services,” states Avenidas CEO Lisa Hendrickson.

This program is available to low-income Mountain View residents of all ages. For those who are renters, they can use the free service for accessibility modifications, but not minor repairs. Residents interested in learning if they qualify should contact (650) 289-5426.

Eight experienced Avenidas handyman will be available to help residents with:

Accessibility—installing wheelchair ramps, grab bars, safety rails, shower extensions

Painting—painting exteriors, interiors, single rooms, and patch jobs

Carpentry—door repair/replacement, fence and gate repairs, broken lock sets, deck repairs

Yard Service—shrubs trimmed, sprinklers repaired, yard waste hauled

Electrical—repair faulty fixtures, broken switches and doorbells

Plumbing—fix leaky faucets and faulty drains, toilet problems, garbage disposal replacement, installation of shower heads and flow restrictors

Security—installation of deadbolt locks, peepholes, security lighting and smoke detectors

Computer trouble-shooting—operating system installation and navigation, internet, printing, faxing, virus protection

Miscellaneous—gutter cleaning and minor furnace repairs

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Outreach is a key component of the success of this program. Avenidas is creating flyers and posters about the program in both Spanish and English, and then working with the Avenidas Volunteer Corps to canvas Mountain View and distribute these materials. The Avenidas Rose Kleiner Senior Day Health Center, located at 270 Escuela Avenue in Mountain View, will also hand out flyers to participants and their families.

Avenidas is a private, non-profit agency that for almost 40 years has helped Mid-Peninsula seniors to live healthy, full and independent lives. Avenidas programs range from social services, nutrition, health and wellness, senior day health care, volunteer opportunities, recreation and education, and transportation.

Avenidas serves the communities of Palo Alto, Mountain View, East Palo Alto, Menlo Park, Stanford, Woodside, Atherton, Portola Valley, Los Altos and Los Altos Hills.

For more information, visit www.avenidas.org or call (650) 289-5400.

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