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**THE LONG BEACH GAY AND LESBIAN CENTER ANNOUNCES THE
GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE DAVID BOHNETT CYBER CENTER**

(Long Beach, CA): The Long Beach Gay and Lesbian Center hosted the grand re-opening of the David Bohnett CyberCenter on November 13, as part of The State of The Center event. In establishing the CyberCenters, technology entrepreneur and philanthropist David Bohnett's vision was to provide LGBT communities with a "wired" hub through which its members could network, communicate, and explore educational, professional and recreational opportunities.

The grand re-opening featured a ribbon cutting which unveiled eight updated computer workstations including Lenovo all-in-one A70z PCs customized bundle with Microsoft Office software, Windows Pro 7 - 19" Widescreen monitor. This renovated facility will help bridge the 'digital divide' by giving access to technologies and resources to those that may not have them. More than 500 people use the CyberCenter each month.

"This Cyber Center fills a vital need for our community," said Ron Sylvester, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Center, Long Beach. "We are very grateful to the David Bohnett Foundation for upgrading our technology and allowing us to learn, communicate and expand our educational opportunities. The Cyber Center is our most popular and most used service at The Center."

"We are thrilled to provide these new computers to The Center, Long Beach and refresh the existing David Bohnett CyberCenter with new equipment for the gay and lesbian community of the greater Long Beach area." said Michael Fleming, Executive Director of the Bohnett Foundation. "It's very important for the LGBT community to have a warm, inviting environment for computer training, work on the Internet and other activities. The Long Beach Center is an outstanding facility and we know it will continue to foster a greater sense of community."

The very first David Bohnett CyberCenter opened its doors in 1998. There are now 63 David Bohnett CyberCenters nationwide. They serve as prime examples of the Foundation's commitment to making leading-edge technology available to the traditionally underserved LGBT demographic.

David Bohnett Foundation

Since 1999, the David Bohnett Foundation (www.bohnettfoundation.org) has been committed to improving society through social activism, and has provided funding, state-of-the-art technology and technical support to innovative organizations and institutions. Grants totaling over \$35m to date have been given in several primary funding areas: The Fund for Los Angeles, supporting a broad spectrum of arts, educational and civic programs; LGBT-related causes; voting rights and registration initiatives; supporting research and public policies to reduce the toll of firearm violence; and animal research and rights.

David Bohnett serves as Chair of the David Bohnett Foundation; the head of the early stage technology fund, Baroda Ventures and was the founder of GeoCities.com, an Internet based media and e-commerce company in 1994. GeoCities was acquired by Yahoo! in 1999. His goals are improving lives, empowering individuals and building viable communities by connecting like-minded people in meaningful ways. Also central to Bohnett's vision is his call to action to aspiring philanthropists to begin their giving by getting personally involved with causes with which they identify so that they can experience service first-hand.

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The Gay and Lesbian Center's Administrative Director, David Fernandez, and Director of IT, Dan Pitre, cut the ribbon to a newly refreshed David Bohnett CyberCenter.