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***Pierre and Pamela Omidyar Fund Makes Major Gift
to Ravenswood Family Health Center in East Palo Alto***

East Palo Alto— In a brief bio on his personal website, Pierre Omidyar, the creator of eBay, says "I'm trying to figure out what my role can be in making the world a better place." To this end, he and his wife set up the Pierre and Pamela Omidyar Fund, an Advised Fund at Peninsula Community Foundation, which makes strategic gifts to nonprofits addressing critical community needs.

Recently, the Pierre and Pamela Omidyar Fund made a substantial grant of \$100,000 to Ravenswood Family Health Center for core operating support. According to Luisa Buada, CEO of RFHC, the Omidyar's gift is particularly significant.

"Ravenswood Family Health Center is the medical home for a majority of uninsured, low-income residents in our service area. The gift of the Omidyar Fund will definitely help to offset the costs of uncompensated care for the uninsured."

RFHC will spend \$2.8 million this year on medical care for the uninsured. With an average of 30 new enrollments a day, RFHC has registered over 12,000 patients since opening in 2001. The majority, over 60%, have no health coverage.

Ravenswood Family Health Center, a nonprofit community health center located in East Palo Alto, provides comprehensive primary health care and preventive services to low-income and uninsured residents in southeast San Mateo County. Its mission is to ensure that everyone has access to the best medical care services, regardless of ability to pay.

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