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Columnist, Dan Savage helps Boulder County open doors
Open Door Dinner, October 20, 2007 at the St. Julien Hotel

BOULDER COUNTY (October 3, 2007) – The 11th annual Open Door Dinner will be on October 20th at the St. Julien Hotel. Dan Savage, author of “Savage Love,” an internationally syndicated sex advice column, will be the guest speaker. Dan’s best-selling books include *The Kid*, *Skipping Toward Gomorrah* and *The Commitment*. He has appeared on Real Time with Bill Maher, The Colbert Report, MTV and other television and cable programs. He’s a regular contributor to NPR’s “This American Life.”

The Open Door Dinner is the annual fundraiser and celebration for The Open Door Fund of The Community Foundation. The Open Door Fund is a permanent endowment supporting the Boulder County community by raising money and distributing grants for programs that enhance the lives of its lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people. The dinner will begin at 6pm with cocktails and a silent auction, and costs \$125 per person. A special reception with Dan Savage will be held at 5 pm and costs \$500 per person (which includes dinner). Contributions will be accepted to underwrite the cost of local students’ and high school teachers’ attendance at the event. For further information, to register, and to preview live auction items, visit www.opendoorfund.org, or call The Community Foundation at 303-442-0436.

Since its founding in 1996, the Open Door Fund has made grants totaling more than \$260,000 to agencies and programs serving the LGBT community in Boulder County. An endowment nearing \$400,000 has been built to save for future needs. The Open Door Fund is the largest funder of LGBT needs in Boulder County, Colorado.

The theme for this year’s dinner is Opening Doors. Dorothy Rupert, Co-Chair of the 2007 event says, "The Open Door Dinner is a wonderful community-building event. In addition to great people, fun auction items, and a highly entertaining speaker in a classy venue, the dinner is an important way for all of us to embrace the local LGBT community. Our presence and our dollars can have a powerful impact!"

2007 Open Door Fund Grantees

Aging Services Foundation: \$4,250.00 to support the Winter Lavender Gala, grief support group, and a basic design class for senior citizens who are LGBT. www.co.boulder.co.us/cs/ag/programs/glb.htm

Anti-Bias Hotline: \$500 to support establishment of the hotline. Requires match of \$1,000 be raised by 12/31/07. <http://www.rmpjc.org/>

Bent Lens Cinema: \$3,700 to support Queer Realities, a LGBT film festival, in January 2008. www.bentlens.org

Boulder County AIDS Project: \$2,500 to ATLAS a program that supports peer and social HIV prevention among gay men. www.bcap.org

Boulder Pride: \$6,000 to support trainings and other activities for SpeakingOUT, a LGBT speakers, bureau. www.boulderpride.org.

Boulder Valley Safe Schools Coalition: \$3,869 to support the establishment and maintenance of Gay Straight Alliances in the Boulder Valley School District.

CU-Boulder GLBT Resource Center: \$2,000 to support the Transgender/Genderqueer (TGGQ) Outreach Project www.colorado.edu/GLBTRC

Medicine Horse Program \$2,000 to offer courses to LGBTQ teen-agers that help develop leadership skills and self-esteem. www.medicinehorse.org

Moving to End Sexual Assault: \$1,600 to support youth & staff education on LGBTQQI issues. www.movingtoendsexualassault.org

Safe Shelter of St. Vrain: \$1,000 to support outreach efforts and ensure a presence at LGBTQ community events. www.safeshelterofstvrain.org

United Ministries in Higher Education: \$1,750 for Coming Out Faithful, a program helping LGBTQ students at CU reconcile their spirituality and their sexuality. www.umhe.org.

Women's Wilderness Institute: \$1,500 to support teambuilding activities with LGBTQ youth. www.womenswilderness.org

Thanks to the generosity of our sponsors, every dollar given to the Open Door Dinner this year will go to support LGBT organizations and the Open Door Fund permanent endowment.

Open Door Dinner Sponsors

Title: Blue Mountain Arts and Proto's Pizzeria Napoletana
Event: MyChelle Flatirons Subaru; Jared Polis Foundation; Roche Colorado
Sponsors: Boulder Valley Center for Dermatology; Fuser; Mike's Camera; Mountain Sun Pub & Brewery; The Millstone Evans Group of Raymond James; Mountain Pride Connections, Camera; and Rumbi Island Grill

The Community Foundation exists to improve the quality of life in Boulder County, now and forever, and to build a culture of giving. The Foundation connects the resources of local donors with non-profit organizations to facilitate philanthropy in meaningful and useful ways, for good and forever. www.commfound.org

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open door fund dinner

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2007

Cocktails at 6 pm, Dinner at 7 pm
\$125 per person
(\$60 is tax deductible)

Patron's Reception with Dan Savage
5 - 6 pm | Includes Dinner
\$500 per person (\$435 is tax deductible)

The St. Julien Hotel
900 Walnut Street
Boulder, Colorado

For further information, and to
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online at www.opendoorfund.org

The St. Julien Hotel is
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guest speaker

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