



Open Door Fund

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Rea Carey to Headline Open Door Dinner

Saturday, April 11, 2009 at the St. Julien Hotel

BOULDER COUNTY (March 11, 2009) – The 12th annual Open Door Dinner will be on April 11th at the St. Julien Hotel in downtown Boulder. Rea Carey, Executive Director of the National Gay & Lesbian Task Force (photo attached), will be the keynote speaker. She will be introduced by recently elected Congressman Jared Polis.

Ms. Carey has been a leading voice on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered (LGBT) civil rights, creating public policy and guiding governmental affairs at local and national levels. She has also been a critical player in developing the next generation of LGBT activists through the Youth Leadership Institutes and Creating Change Conferences.

In a recent speech, she focused on why this work is so important: “We work every day to eliminate the possibility that our lives will be subject to someone else’s judgment, someone else’s condemnation of our humanity... None of us should live in fear of prosecution, persecution, or punishment for who we are and whom we love.”



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. This year the fund has given out \$30,000 in grants to 16 organizations serving people of all ages throughout the county.

The dinner will begin at 6pm with cocktails and a silent auction, and costs \$125 per person. 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.

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.

Tim Leifield, chair of the event, says "The Open Door Dinner is a wonderful annual event. In addition to raising more money to grant back to the community, it's *the* event where folks renew friendships, where LGBT youth meet the pioneers of Boulder's movement, and where straight allies in the community are acknowledged for their support.

"And it's a great place to shop! Each year the silent and live auctions feature art, jewelry, and gift certificates from generous local merchants, but also trips and adventures overseas!"

Sponsors to date for this year's dinner include the Jared Polis Foundation, Sunflower Farmers Market, Rumbi Island Grill, Mountain Sun Pub & Brewery, Regonline.com, and Roche Colorado Corporation.

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