



Open Door Fund

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Open Door Fund Invites Grant Proposals to Serve County's LGBT Community

(Boulder County, June 8, 2009) - The Open Door Fund, a permanent endowment of The Community Foundation, will be **accepting grant proposals through Wednesday, July 1, 2009.**

The Open Door Fund supports the Boulder County community by raising money and distributing grants for programs that enhance the lives of its lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people.

The Open Door Fund has historically given \$30,000 annually, distributed among 10-16 non-profit organizations. Grant applications are reviewed by an advisory committee of community volunteers. A list of past grantees can be found at www.opendoorfund.org. Grants must serve Boulder County residents and are awarded in the following areas:

- General operating funds for LGBT-focused organizations; or,
- Specific grants for:
 - LGBT Gathering Places and Safe Venues;
 - Communications and Networks (which may include newsletters, resource guides, internet services and more);
 - Social, Recreational, Arts, Cultural, and Workplace Needs and Programs;
 - Spiritual Needs;
 - Mental Health and Counseling;
 - Youth, Elder, Family and Relationships Needs; and
 - Other Unmet Needs.

All interested applicants are encouraged to attend a meeting on June 16, 2009 at 4:30 pm at The Community Foundation. Staff will be available to answer questions about the grants process and about how to complete an application.

Richard Johnson, Chair of the Grants Committee, said, "We are pleased to be able to offer grants to non-profit organizations, with projects of all sizes, which serve the local LGBT community. This is possible through our generous individual donors, corporate sponsors, and attendees at our annual fundraising dinner."

For more information or an application please visit www.opendoorfund.org/rfp.html or contact Carly Hare, Director of Programs, at 303-442-0436 x111 or Carly@commfound.org.

Purpose of The Community Foundation

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 is the place where giving is informed and inspired to have the greatest impact on the vision of a better Boulder County. We are committed to intimately understanding needs and connecting to the nonprofits that address those needs. Purpose and passion are the inspiration for everything we do. Together, Boulder County residents and The Community Foundation can make a meaningful impact on our fellow residents' quality of life today and in the future. To learn more, please visit www.commfound.org or call 303-442-0436.

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