



**Open Door Fund**

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## **Open Door Fund Provides Funding to 16 Non-Profit Organizations in Boulder County**

**Boulder, Colorado ( September 18, 2008)**—The Open Door Fund, a permanent endowment of The Community Foundation Serving Boulder County, is proud to announce it has granted a total of \$30,000 to local non-profit agencies and programs that serve the lesbian, gay, bi, and transgender (LGBT) community.

The entities receiving funding are: Aging Services Foundation, Bias Incident Hotline, Boulder County AIDS Project, Boulder PRIDE, Evolving Doors Dance, Medicine Horse Program, Moving to End Sexual Assault (MESA), Naropa University, Safe Shelter of St. Vrain, United Ministries in Higher Education, University of Colorado GLBT Alumni, University of Colorado GLBT Resource Center, Vox Feminista, Women's Health SHAPE program, Women's Wilderness Institute, and the YMCA. The largest grants were given to Boulder PRIDE (\$6,900) and Aging Services Foundation (\$4,700).

“All of these organizations provide vital services to our community,” said Alice Swett, Open Door Fund's Advisory Committee Chair. “They have also created important programs and services specifically designed to help meet the needs of Boulder County's LGBT community.”

**The Open Door Fund will honor these organizations with a special reception to be held on Wednesday, September 24 at the Koenig Alumni Center at the University of Colorado, Boulder Campus (Broadway and University). Each organization will be invited to provide a short synopsis of its work with the LGBT community. The media is invited to attend this reception. Wine, soft drinks, and hors d'oeuvres will be served. All media representatives should RSVP by e-mailing [Suzanne@commfound.org](mailto:Suzanne@commfound.org).**

Since its inception in 1996, the Open Door Fund has provided more than \$300,000 in grants supporting the Boulder County LGBT community. The mission of the Open Door Foundation is to:

- address problems and needs of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender people in Boulder County;
- foster collaboration and promote constructive dialogue between gay and non-gay people;
- provide a permanent source of support for organizations serving the LGBT community; and
- build LGBT community.

“Serving the needs and building community among this important segment of our community is critical,” explained Swett. “We are honored to partner with these fine organizations to accomplish our committee's goals.”

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