The ATL Foundation News

“The only thing that stays the same - is change” M. Etheridge

The ATL Foundation is happy to announce that we are going through some changes. Due to our increased fund raising and visibility we are now able to expand our overall mission. Our mission statement is the foundation of who we are and the community we serve. When our volunteer board makes a decision about how we will award grants we always look to the mission statement to direct our decision-making.

Today the ATL Foundation serves lesbians in need due to ill health. Beginning August 1, 2005 we will “provide financial assistance to lesbians in need as a result of ill health or personal crisis.”

Those two words “personal crisis,” mean doors just opened a great deal for our potential recipients. For example, we can now aid someone who is in a domestic violence situation or perhaps needs financial assistance to give a respectful memorial to her life partner.

We value our recipients, gifts and the ability to change. We ask you to join us in this change, allowing the ATL Foundation to “give a lift” to more women in need, in our community. We thank you for your continued support!

Mark your Calendar
Plan to join us on September 10th

GOLF CLASSIC
Bowling Event
November 12th
Details to come.

Be sure to visit us at www.ATLFoundation.org for information on upcoming events.
The “Feather the Nest” Campaign

The ATL Foundation is initiating a new sustaining fundraising campaign appropriately called “Feather the Nest.” As the name implies, this is a method of steadily building funds to support our mission, to create the cash flow to help more women in our community. With this program, there are two ways in which funds may be transferred directly from your source to ATL.

1) Supporters can direct a monthly gift from their bank account to the ATL bank account by utilizing a “bill paying vendor request” form from their bank, or 2) supporters may create a monthly donation by directing a credit card payment to ATL. In each case, a very small amount of paperwork is required.

Perhaps you know, flamingos do not just hatch out beautiful pink creatures! As they grow and develop, their feathers become more striking and brilliant. We have developed various levels of “feathering the nest” in a corresponding way:

Flaming Flamingos = $200.00+/month
Pink Flamingos = $100.00 to $199.00/month
White flamingos = $50.00 to $99.00/month
Gray Flamingos = $5.00 to $49.00/month

Why is this a such a GREAT idea? Because there is so much competition for resources like time, energy, and money. Consider the amount of time and energy it takes to attend a fundraiser, or create a traditional fundraising event. Many people have said to us they would like to give to ATL, but they have little time or interest in attending a fundraiser. Additionally, it costs a great deal to prepare mailings, secure venues, and produce an event. With direct deposit of funds from a donor into the ATL account, we can by-pass these costs and create a new, efficient avenue for raising funds to serve lesbians who need a lift to get healthy or be productive and on their feet again. (Don't worry. For those of you who enjoy bingo, bowling, brunching and perhaps Texas holding, we'll still have those events!)

Please contact a board member with your name and phone number or an e-mail address if you would like to be among the first to “feather the Nest” with a sustained, on-going gift in this manner.

Make your commitment to help individuals in our community to a new level!

Our 3rd Annual Wine & Strings Brunch

The 3rd Annual Wine & Strings Brunch was a huge success! The Wine & Strings event is our most elegant fundraising event and we had over 65 attendees. Patti Klinge and Connie MacArthur opened their beautiful Denver Country Club home to all of us for the second time. Dougal’s Catering provided a fabulous menu including Quiche Juarez, scalloped potatoes, baked brie, and several homemade breads. Dougal’s Catering has been very supportive of ATL.

Awesome entertainment was provided by Tina Googler, a talented dulcimer player, and Take Note, a small group from the Denver Women's Chorus. Take Note sang fun and lively songs on the patio. There was also a putting contest that had a grand prize of two tickets to the U.S. Women's Open Golf Championship.

A heartfelt speech was provided by Lisa Gillespie. Lisa is an ATL grant recipient who was gracious enough to share her story with those present. She talked about her illness and the ATL Foundation has provided support.

A tradition of the Wine & Strings Brunch is to honor someone in the community with the Flamingo Award. The Flamingo Award was designed to recognize someone in the women's community who goes above and beyond the norm in helping women and assisting The ATL Foundation in its mission. This year’s recipient was the deserving Mickey Sanders. Mickey has been unselfishly generous of her time over the years in supporting The ATL Foundation. Mickey gives her time to call numbers and entertain everyone at the annual Bingo fundraising event each February. Also, she emcees the annual golf fundraising event and volunteers at the Bowling fundraising events. Mickey does not wait for the ATL Board to call her to help with an event, but calls the Board to determine the date of the events. Mickey provides humor and support to our organization.

The ATL Foundation would like to thank everyone who attended this year’s Wine and Strings Brunch and encourage those of you who haven’t attended this event yet to consider attending next year!
Zoo Babies
Another Special ATL Event

Sue Ware was a 2004 ATL grant recipient. Once she was accustomed to her prosthetic leg and back on her feet literally, she graciously offered a creative way to fundraise for our organization. Sue has been a Research Associate for the Denver Museum of Nature and Science for many years. As such, she has been an incredible resource of obscure information and a gifted tour guide for private ATL tours. We had great fun traipsing after Sue during the Behind the Bones: A Dinosaur Tour in June 2004. In December 2004, we seriously followed Sue’s humorous and informative commentary during The Quest for Immortality in Egypt. Everyone loved these special, personalized tours.

In September 2005, Sue will be hosting her last event in this series: Zoo Babies. This special tour will take us into the nurseries of new babies recently born at our zoo. The extra tidbits of information and up close viewing will be well worth your time. This event may be especially appealing to families with children, and those who are happy to just visit other people’s and animals’ children! All people are welcome. Check out our website for the date and time which is yet to be announced.

A BIG THANKS to Sue and congratulations on the recent completion of her doctorate!

Thank you!

Each year we are grateful to acknowledge people who have gone above and beyond to help ATL help our community:

Businesses that provide a place for our events
Rocky Mountain Lanes in Westminster
Broadlands Golf Course in Broomfield
Denver Museum of Nature and Science
Washington Park United Methodist Church
Patti Kline and Connie McArthur for hosting our annual brunch
Davenport Enterprises for bingo supplies
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  Racine’s
  Goodfriend’s
  Dixon’s
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  Leyna Bencomo
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Jan Autrey-website maintenance and enhancements
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The many Sponsors of holes for our 2004 golf tournament
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Cammi Learned and Karen Klein
Beth Bryant
Mickey Sanders
Pat Benjamin and Cindy Ashton
Susan Carabello-annual ATL retreat facilitator
Sue Ware -Tour Guide of the Egypt Exhibit
Special donations from Tom and Nancy Moore
Yvonne Baca
Terry Teeter
Alexander Foundation for partnering with ATL
Past board members Tanya Kaye and Tammy Stultz
Friends and advocates who have helped women in need find us and fill out the necessary forms for assistance.

And to EVERYONE who contributes to, or participates in our fundraising efforts, we do thank you!
The Advocate Classic is an 18 hole, 4 person scramble with a shotgun start at 1:30 p.m. on Sept. 10th, 2005. The $150 per person fee includes cart, reception, dinner, auction and a lot of fun!!

Register online at www.taskforcegolfclassic.org
For more information or to sponsor this event please call 323.857.8747

Hole in one wins $10,000!

The Broadlands is located at 4380 West 144th Avenue, Broomfield.