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Dear Sponsor,

The word 'change' has been uttered more times than we can count over the last couple of years. Change is taking place politically and economically in ways that will affect all aspects of our daily lives. July 1st Colorado enacted the Designated Beneficiaries law which enabled Gay and Lesbian couples across the state to access some of the basic relationship protections they deserve. As I sit down to write this letter I am encouraged that on October 22, 2009 the United States Senate passed the *Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Prevention Act* and President Obama signed it into law just six days later. A bill that has been religiously introduced every year for the last decade and consistently failed however this year has become law.

The reality is we are not working towards change we are in the midst of it. The youth of this state offer the one true hope that the 'change' we seek will happen and be sustained for the long term. We often hear about LGBTQ youth being at greater risk for a whole slew of issues. This includes teen suicide, substance abuse, bias-motivate violence, etc. However, we seldom hear about the positive change these youth can bring to their communities everyday.

For this reason, a collaborative group of organizers decided in January 2009 to host the first ever Colorado Queer Youth Summit at the University of Denver. On February 13th, 2010 this statewide collaborative will host the second annual summit at the Mi Casa Resource Center of Denver. The summit will bring together LGBTQ and Allied youth ages 12-24 from across the state for workshops including safer sex, leadership, race and the LGBTQ movement, interpersonal relationships, spirituality/religion, social change, art, and the list goes on.

We as the organizers don't want cost to be a barrier to this great opportunity, so we are seeking donors such as you to help underwrite the costs or to provide in-kind donations of materials, time, or services to ensure that every youth who wants to attend can, without consideration of individual cost.

Please take a moment to look over the "wish list" on the back of this sheet and make a contribution in whatever way is significant to you.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to hearing from you,

Colorado Queer Youth Summit
All donations should be sent to:
Lambda Community Center
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Name: _____

Address: _____

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I would like to sponsor _____ youth to attend the summit (\$35/youth). My payment of \$_____ by check/credit/cash (circle one) is enclosed.

I would like to donate \$_____ today. My payment by check/credit/cash (circle one) is enclosed.

*Please fill in **ALL** information below if you would like to pay by credit card. Make checks payable to **Lambda Community Center**.*

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If you prefer you may also make a donation online at www.coqueeryouthsummit.org.

I would like to donate the following "wish list" items:

Snack food/health drinks (water, juice drinks, etc.);

Assist with meals;

Art supplies; Please list: _____

Materials (folders, markers, pens, post-its, paper, etc.); Please list: _____

In-kind printing for brochures, flyers, etc.; Other services please list: _____

Other: _____

I am interested in becoming a volunteer for the Colorado Queer Youth Summit. Please contact me about ways for me to get involved.

Signature: _____

Date: _____