

# EVENING FOR EQUALITY



CELEBRATING THE POLITICAL VOICE OF THE LGBT COMMUNITY IN GEORGIA

## 2009 Evening for Equality

Saturday, June 27, 2009

W Hotel Midtown

8:00 – 11:00 PM

VIP/Host Committee Reception 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Presentation of 2009 Equality Awards, Silent Auction, Hors d'oeuvres, Entertainment, Cash Bar

Dress: Cocktail or Business Attire

Tickets: \$75      VIP/ Host Committee: \$150 (Individual) \$250 (Couple)

Tickets may be purchased online at [www.GeorgiaEquality.org](http://www.GeorgiaEquality.org) or by calling 404-523-3070

Now in its fifth year, *Evening for Equality* is expected to draw some 300 of Georgia's most important community leaders to the W Hotel in Midtown on Saturday, June 27 for the presentation of Georgia Equality's *Equality Awards*. Guest will gather in a cocktail reception to recognize and celebrate the contributions of several leaders in the movement to advance fairness, safety and opportunity for Georgia's gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender and allied communities. Funds raised at the event will support the legislative work of Georgia Equality and the educational and policy work of the Equality Foundation of Georgia.

This year's *Equality Award* honorees are:

**Paul Horning and Cindy Abel**, past board chairs of the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund and Victory Campaign Fund, will be recognized for their contributions in helping to elect open LGBT individuals around the country.

**Ronald Moore**, has served as a member of numerous LGBT serving organizations including Project Open Hand, Georgia Equality and the national board of Out and Equal.

**Atlanta PFLAG's Safe Schools Initiative**, works diligently to train educators and administrators on how to deal effectively with the growing problem of school bullying. **Dr. Dale Merkle** will be accepting the award on behalf of the Atlanta Chapter of Parents Friends and Family of Lesbians and Gays.

**Simone Bell**, is a long-time community organizer and activist who has worked with organizations such as Atlanta Lesbian Health Initiative, Lambda Legal and the Black LGBT Coalition. She is the first recipient of the newly created **Phillip Rush Community Builder Award**, named in honor of the respected community leader Phillip Rush who passed away earlier this year.

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