

## Tickets still available for upcoming gay Miami Recognition Dinner

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### Gala LGBT Fundraiser by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

**The Miami Recognition Dinner**, the premier annual celebration of South Florida's lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) community, will be held on Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at the InterContinental Hotel in downtown Miami. **Hosted by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force**, the gala cocktail and dinner event recognizes the leadership and contributions of individuals who have made significant contributions in the fight for LGBT equality. This year's honorees are *The L Word* creator and producer, Ilene Chaiken, out journalist and former President Clinton advisor Keith Boykin and local activist Joan Schaeffer.

The evening will be emceed by writer/performer/comedian Bruce Vilanch and will feature a cocktail party with silent auction, a seated dinner, awards show and after-party. Attended by more than 700 affluent members of the community, political leaders and Miami-based businesses, the Miami Recognition Dinner has raised more than \$2 million since 1997 in conjunction with the Winter Party Festival. Tickets are \$200 for general admission and \$300 for VIP; both include open bar and seated dinner. Hotel rooms at the InterContinental are available at a special rate of \$199. Platinum sponsors include: Burger King Corporation, Dade Community Foundation, Cîroc, Greenberg Traurig, P.A., Halo, South Florida Blade and James G. Pepper. For more information ticket sales and the latest news visit [www.miamirecognitiondinner.org](http://www.miamirecognitiondinner.org).

### About the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force:

The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force was the first national lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender rights organization and remains the community's uncompromising progressive voice. They fight for equality and justice by building grassroots power through training, advocacy, organizing and forward-thinking research and expertise. They challenge not only the status quo in mainstream America, but politics as usual within the LGBT community, and refuse to make political compromises that would leave anyone behind. The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force Foundation is a 501(c)(3) corporation. More information is available at [www.theTaskForce.org](http://www.theTaskForce.org).

### Beneficiaries:

**The Task Force retains only one-third of the net proceeds from the Dinner and returns the other two-thirds to Miami-Dade LGBT organizations through Dade Community Foundation.**

Established in 1967, Dade Community Foundation is Greater Miami's permanent philanthropic endowment for enhancing the quality of life of all Miami-Dade County residents. In 2004, the Foundation established the GLBT Community Projects Fund to distribute the funds raised by the Dinner and Winter Party Festival. Grant recipients since the Fund's inception include: ACLU Foundation of Florida, Aqua Foundation for Women, Creative Arts Enterprises, Equality Florida, Miami Gay & Lesbian Film Festival, Miami Gay Men's Chorus, Museum of Contemporary Art, Pridelines Youth Services, Safe Schools South Florida, South Beach AIDS Project and Stonewall Library and Archives.