



NARAL PRO-CHOICE COLORADO
Annual Gala & Silent Auction

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*Protecting Reproductive
Rights for 50 Years*

APRIL 29, 2017

Grand Hyatt | 1750 Welton | Denver



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To Our Friends, Families, and Champions of Choice:

Tonight, we welcome you as we celebrate two Golden milestones: 50 years of NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado, and 50 years of Colorado as a leader on the forefront of protecting reproductive rights and access to women's health care.

I am proud of NARAL's work. We press forward on four key issues: protecting and expanding access to contraception, protecting access to abortion care, ending pregnancy discrimination and fighting for parental leave. Our work is steeped in our history as an organization and as a state - pushing the policies forward and advocating among our members.

On April 25, 1967, Colorado Governor John Love signed into law the first bill allowing safe, legal abortion in the United States. It was sponsored and written by House Democrat Dick Lamm and sponsored in the Senate by Republican John Bermingham.

NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado grew out of the effort to pass that legislation. We are actually older than our national organization as we were founded in September, 1967.

Colorado is a pro-choice state. It is both our heritage and our future.

But keeping it that way is a fight every legislative session and every election cycle. This is why NARAL Pro-Choice Colorado exists, and why your support is crucial. Our Constitutional rights to abortion and reproductive health care are under constant assault by anti-choice forces who would take us back to the dark days before Roe and before that 1967 law.

So thank you for being here. Thank you for being a part of our success and Colorado's leadership on abortion and reproductive rights for 50 years. And know that we need you now more than ever.

With deepest appreciation,

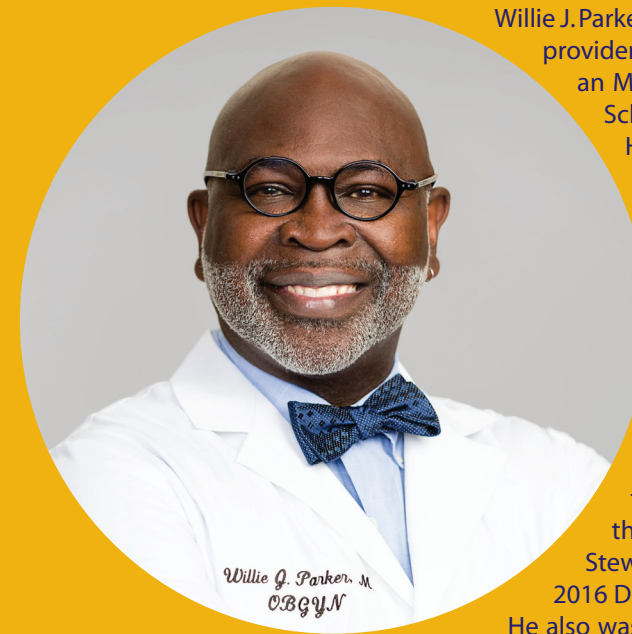


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- 5:00 p.m. Registration Opens | Aspen Foyer
- 4:45 p.m. VIP Reception | Mt. Oxford Room
- 5:15 - 6:45 p.m. Silent Auction & Cash Bar | Aspen Ballroom
- 7:00—9:00 p.m. Dinner and Live Auction | Colorado Ballroom
- *Opening and Moment of Silence*
 - *Welcoming Remarks - Governor John Hickenlooper*
 - *Abortion at 50 - Leaders Reflect on Colorado's History*
 - *Governor Lamm, Sen. Bermingham and Dan Love*
 - *Special Guest, Speaker of the House Crisanta Duran*
 - *Reflections on 50 - Karen Middleton*
 - *Introduction of Keynote - Dr. Warren Hern*
 - *Keynote Speaker - Dr. Willie Parker*
 - *Funding Our Future - Paddle Raiser and Live Auction*
 - *The Freedom Fund*
 - *Wall Winners - Wine, Beer and Cannabis*
 - *Closing*



Willie J. Parker, MD, MPH, MSc, is a reproductive justice advocate who travels as an abortion provider in Alabama and Georgia. He holds a BA from Berea College in Kentucky, an MD from the University of Iowa, a Masters of Public Health from the Harvard School of Public Health, and a Master of Science from the University of Michigan.

He completed residencies in obstetrics and gynecology at the University of Cincinnati and preventive medicine at the University of California, San Francisco, and was an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer with the Centers for Disease Control. Dr. Parker served as assistant professor of obstetrics and gynecology in the John A. Burns School of Medicine at the University of Hawaii prior to completing a fellowship in Family Planning at the University of Michigan in 2008. He is both board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and trained in preventive medicine. Dr. Parker's more recent work has focused on violence against women, sexual assault, and reproductive rights and justice through advocacy and provision of contraceptive and abortion services. Most notably Dr. Parker is a recipient of the 2013 Physicians for Reproductive Health Dr. George Tiller Provider Award, the 2015 Helen Rodriguez-Trias Social Justice Award and the 2016 Dr. Felicia Stewart Advocacy Award from the American Public Health Association, and the 2016 Dr. David Gunn Lifetime Achievement Award from the Abortion Care Network.

He also was recently honored by the United Nations Office of Human Rights as one of 12 Women's Human Rights Defenders on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the United Nations' Fourth World Conference on Women. He is also a recipient of Planned Parenthood's 2015 Margaret Sanger Award. Dr. Parker is a 2007-2008 Leadership Training Initiative Fellow. He joined the Physicians for Reproductive Health board in November 2007 and is the current Chair.

Fifty years ago, newly elected Democrat Dick Lamm risked his political career to sponsor the first abortion reform bill in the United States. Along with Senator John Bermingham, the bill passed through a Republican-controlled legislature and was signed into law on April 25, 1967 by Governor John Love, also a Republican. It was a remarkable example of bipartisan support and Western leadership.

This was an historic moment in our country and in our world. What they accomplished in that moment made it possible for women to access abortion years before the Roe v Wade decision.

In 2013, NARAL honored both Governor Lamm and Senator Bermingham with Lifetime Achievement Awards for their role in passing this legislation.

Tonight we are grateful to have Governor Lamm, Senator Bermingham, Governor Love's son, Dan Love, with us this evening to commemorate the anniversary and to reflect on the significance given our current political landscape.

Hon. John Bermingham

John R. Bermingham is a long-time, pioneering advocate for reproductive health care. Elected to the State Senate in 1964, his first action in the 1965 legislative session was a bill which authorized county health and welfare departments in Colorado to distribute contraceptive information and services to welfare candidates, as well as to others who request it, including parents and married couples. This was unheard of at the time. In 1967 he was the Senate sponsor for Colorado's liberalized abortion law, the first such law in the nation. And in 1971, he was the driver of Colorado's Family Planning Act, which mandated that contraceptive procedures, supplies, and information be made available by hospitals, clinics, medical centers, and pharmacies without prerequisite or discrimination.

After he left the legislature, Sen Bermingham continued to work with non-governmental organizations that increase access to family planning and contraception in developing nations across the globe. He is now retired and still lives in the Denver metro area.

Hon. Richard D. Lamm

As an environmentalist and a reproductive rights advocate, Dick Lamm has always been in the forefront of political change. As he said in the Denver Post about the 1967 law, "Protecting access to abortion is a woman's issue, but it is also a men's issue...Colorado can be proud of our history on protecting abortion rights and the rights of women to make their own personal decisions without government intrusion."

After leading the charge on reproductive rights, Dick Lamm went on to be a three-term Governor of Colorado from 1975 to 1987. In 1992, he was honored by the Denver Post and Historic Denver, Inc. as one of the "Colorado 100" - people who made significant contributions to Colorado and made lasting impressions on the state's history. These days he serves as Director of the Institute for Public Policy Studies at the University of Denver, and he and his wife Dottie continue to be strong and outspoken advocates for the rights of Colorado women.

Governor John Love

Colorado Governor John Love, who served ten years and three terms as Governor, was an independent and innovative leader for our state whose legacy carries on today. An attorney and decorated World War II pilot, John Love became involved in politics through the Republican Party in Colorado Springs where he had his law practice.

Governor Love not only signed the nation's first law allowing legal abortion, he also reduced the penalty for possession of small amounts of marijuana from a felony to a misdemeanor and signed important laws in 1970 to reduce air and water pollution and protect Colorado's environment. He reformed Colorado's state personnel system. During his last term, Colorado set a nationwide precedent by passing the Sunshine Law, which opened government meetings to the public and set disclosure requirements.

Governor Love's son Dan, who joins us this evening, is now retired after a career in transportation and promoting Colorado tourism. His daughter, Rebecca Love Kourlis, served Colorado on the Supreme Court. His son Andrew worked in commercial real estate in addition to serving 37 years in the US Air Force and Air National Guard, retiring in 2004 as a Major General.

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LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

1

A Mexican Fiesta dinner for six, complete with delicious food and margaritas!

At the home of NARAL Board Member, Melissa Johnsen and Rob Noel.

2

Enjoy a 1/2 day rafting adventure for four and a five night stay in a Salida, Colorado bungalow.

Includes a gift certificate to the Evergreen Cafe.

~Donated by Beth Wampler and River Runners Rafting Company

3

An acoustic guitar signed by The Lumineers and two reserved tickets to the Saturday, August 26th, sold out performance of local sensation The Lumineers.

Their songs, Hey Ho and Ophelia are international hits!

4

Fall in love and escape to the beautiful and scenic Assisi, Italy.

You'll feel at home and have fabulous fun in a two bedroom apartment in the shadow of Saint Francis of Assisi for a week-long stay.

~Donated by Donna Good

LIVE AUCTION ITEMS

5

One year's worth of Date Nights!

Enjoy diverse experiences from dinner at Brio Tuscan Grill to a show at Comedy Works to a night dancing at the Mercury Cafe.
Special bonus! Two VIP tickets to next year's NARAL Gala!

6

Hawaii vacation home.

'Home Sweet Home on the North Shore of Oahu, Hawaii for one week!

Sleeps six people. VRBO #63061'

~Donated by Dr. Aris Sophocles

7

A one of a kind dinner for ten with the Soul Food Scholar and renowned Denver food writer, Adrian Miller.

Menu created and planned by Adrian Miller who will share his expertise and insights at dinner.
Dinner will be hosted and prepared by NARAL Executive Director, Karen Middleton and Christian Overbey.
Includes a signed book for the winner.

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