

# OPEN DOOR MINISTRIES



## Spring 2011

### Walk or Run with us May 21<sup>st</sup>

- Join as an Individual
- Join as a Team  
(friends, co-workers, Sunday school class)
- Join as a Family

Register online [www.runforthedoor.org](http://www.runforthedoor.org)

**\$30 Adults - \$20 18 & Under**

Registration includes a chip-timed event, a Run for the Door t-shirt, and post run festivities.

Once you register you can customize your personal & team run pages and invite others to join you through running, walking, or giving to ODM.



### Join as a Run Team Volunteer

The Run Volunteer Team are the people that make this event possible and successful! Sign up online at [www.runforthedoor.org](http://www.runforthedoor.org) and click "Volunteer."

## run for the door 5K

open door ministries



may 21, 2011  
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### **Join as a Run for the Door 5K Sponsor**

If you would like to join the Run as an event sponsor through providing a cash sponsorship, in-kind donation (top time prizes, top fundraising prizes, goodie bags, food, etc.) or setting up a booth at the run May 21<sup>st</sup> contact Lauren at [runforthedoor@gmail.com](mailto:runforthedoor@gmail.com). This will be a great opportunity to support something you believe in and promote your company!

#### 2011 Run for the Door 5K Sponsorship Levels

*(in-kind or cash gift value)*

Run for the Door 5K Title Sponsor \$2,000+

Finish Line Sponsor \$1,500+

Run Sponsor \$1,000+

Walk Sponsor \$500+

Warm Up Sponsor \$100+

**Questions?** Email us at [runforthedoor@gmail.com](mailto:runforthedoor@gmail.com) or contact Lauren at 303.830.2201 x4.

Meeting Needs and Making Disciples in the Urban Community

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creators' cafe



Walk on in, hear the live music filling the house, and smell the aroma of coffee and treats. Peruse the art hanging on the walls and wander over to see an artist working on a new creation right in the middle of all the activity. This is a very inviting, warm, hospitable atmosphere. Settle in and enjoy!

You are at 1520 Marion St. (Antioch House) on a Wednesday night. It's like no other evening that you'll experience in a ministry context. You'll be hit with the sounds of incredible live music from a local artist as you walk up the steps and smell the aroma of coffee as you enter in. Then as you venture in a little more, you'll see some amazing art being highlighted on the walls of the cafe. A little further examination unveils up to 3 or more artists creating stunning works of art live in the midst of this coffee house venue. **creators' cafe** partners with Ezra as an outreach to the Capital Hill neighborhood to showcase the artwork and talent of the streetkids that is created in the Ezra studio on the 3rd floor above the cafe. Artwork on display is available for purchase.



Whether they're painting live and/or showing their art on the walls of the cafe, the streetkids get a sense of achievement. After a recent café night, one streetkid said, "I felt like a rock star tonight!" People on the street rarely hear anything positive said about them, so this is a great opportunity and experience.

The café night has had as many as 5 artists in one evening creating amazing works of art. Watching the artists create pieces live adds an exciting element to the evening. 📖



Join us for the next 

**When: Wednesday, April 13—Doors open at 7:01PM**

**Where: 1520 Marion St. Denver, CO 80218**

**Featuring: live music, live art and gallery**

**Cost: suggested donation of \$5 (a portion of the proceeds goes to help support EZRA)**

For more information check out [www.justezra.com](http://www.justezra.com) OR [www.creatorscafe.net](http://www.creatorscafe.net)

## ODM Youth



Open Door ministers to high school and middle school students through weekly programs, events and outreaches with the mission to give young people the tools to reach their full potential by introducing them to Christ and helping them understand God's plan and purpose for their lives.

Staff and volunteers strive to create fun and safe environments where students can engage, be themselves, and learn the foundational principles of faith in Christ. A strong teaching emphasis is placed using a biblical model for navigating relationships and taking initiative for one's faith.



We are in the beginning stages of creating a performing arts/leadership program that will train and provide opportunities for youth to learn and develop skills necessary to become leaders among their peers.

Would you prayerfully consider joining our team? We're looking for willing volunteers who can help us in the areas of creative and technical arts, stage, lighting, sound and administration. 📷

## Stewardship Corner

God Loves a Cheerful Giver...

*"Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. **Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.** And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written: "They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever." Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you*

*can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. **Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!**" - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

It is our prayer that you experience the indescribable gift of generosity. A gift given out of guilt or the compulsion to

fulfill an obligation is not the generosity that God desires. In contrast, in a life of generosity dedicated to bringing honor to God there is freedom, joy, and excitement in giving. Randy Alcorn puts it well in his book *The Treasure Principle* when he says; "Our giving is a reflexive response to the grace of God in our lives. It doesn't come out of our altruism or philanthropy—it comes out of the transforming work of Christ in us. This grace is the action; our giving is the reaction. We give because He first gave to us. Giving infuses life with joy!"

Ask the Lord how you can bless someone around you this week. What has God provided for you that you can share with your neighbor, a friend, a co-worker or someone on the street? 📷

From the Executive Director

Clarity is something we all seek. We resist circumstances that are fuzzy, foggy, or ambiguous. It is a wonderful spiritual truth that all things are clear to God, yet He often allows his children to experience a lack of clarity so we learn how to trust him more. I've been reading through the life of Abraham recently. One aspect that surfaces again and again in Abraham's experience is that God only tells him enough information for him to take his next step. He doesn't give Abraham the whole picture of his life. He first tells Abraham to move to the land he would show him, but he doesn't know exactly where he's going. He also tells him he will become a great nation, but he doesn't know how that will be because his wife is barren. Later, he tells Abraham to sacrifice this promised son with no explanation of how it will work out. Abraham has to keep walking by faith, trusting in God's clarity and God's goodness.



Open Door Ministries has had to walk in that same way throughout this past year and is still on that road. We praise God for LightHouse, the new ministry to men received last May 1<sup>st</sup>, yet each step has been a faith walk. At just the right time God has provided the staff, a temporary home for a year, the monthly provision of funds, and now a potential permanent home at 740 Clarkson. There is still much that is unclear to us, but we take comfort in the fact that God sees the road ahead of us and gives us enough clarity for each decision we must make.

Another faith walk over the last year is our path to purchasing an apartment complex utilizing city and state funding. This 22 unit complex on the SE corner of Ogden and 26<sup>th</sup> Ave. will provide permanent low cost housing to singles and families in a supportive, Christian community for years to come. As singles and families graduate and come through the various ODM programs, some of them will have the opportunity to move permanently into this place. The local authorities have a great interest in providing affordable housing but they see the need for it to be in the context of a supportive, accountable environment which ODM can provide. We hope to close on this property in late May.

We recently had our monthly board meeting and I am so thankful for this godly group of 16 people who listen to God's voice and give wisdom and guidance to this ministry. I praise God for the Advisory Council he has provided made up of 17 couples or individuals who help us hear God's voice. Thank you, our partners in ministry, for walking in faith with us. By God's grace, may we always see Him clearly as we follow his path.

In Christ,

David Warren

Open Door Ministries is an outreach of Open Door Fellowship Church:

**Cornerstone Home:** Providing housing and companionship for disabled men.

**E.A.T.: (Eating All Together)** Reaching people through eating a meal together after church services on Sunday evening.

**Ezra:** Building relationships with street kids through art.

**LightHouse:** Transformational housing ministry serving single men in the inner city.

**Nehemiah House:** Providing housing for staff, low-income families, and dorm space for Urban Mission teams.

**Preschool:** Providing inner-city children a quality education founded upon high academics and Christian character development.

**School-Age Program:** Providing school-age children with before-and-after school care, including tutoring and mentoring opportunities grades kindergarten through eighth.

**Still Waters Housing:**

**Chayah House:** Serving single women by providing housing, life skills, and basic Christian discipleship.

**Esther House:** Providing transitional housing for women leaving the sex-trade industry, addictions, and other dangerous lifestyles.

**Treasure House:** Serving single moms and their kids by providing housing, parenting skills, and basic Christian discipleship.

**TRYAD:** (To Reconcile You Able-bodied and Disabled) Reaching some of the many disabled in our community through needed companionship and evangelism.

**Urban Missions:** Bringing youth and adults to Open Door Ministries for an inner city, short-term mission trip.

**Youth:** Sharing the message and love of Christ to urban youth through Bible studies, activities, and one-on-one relationships.

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