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Local Nonprofit Honors Tradition of Philanthropy and Fun

Community Invited to Attend “Ode to John” St. Patrick’s Day Party

[Fort Collins, Colo] - The Homelessness Prevention Initiative (HPI) honors a former board member by continuing his tradition of having a good time for a good cause by hosting the Ode to John St Patrick’s Day party. The shenanigans will include an Irish dance performance by the McTeggart Dancers, Celtic music by Black Bird and entertaining vignettes by Open Stage Theatre. Joke telling, games of chance and kilt wearing will keep the evening fun.

The John in reference was Dr. John McLean a local orthodontist with a heart for the downtrodden. He worked relentlessly in life to support local safety net non-profit agencies and even left charities a bequest to continue this work after he was gone. Many of these agencies will be raising a toast to John at this party.

The event will be held at Avogadro’s Number, on Saturday March 13 beginning at 7:00pm. Tickets will be available at the door or in advance at Avo’s or by calling the Homelessness Prevention Initiative at 407-7068.

“Ode to John” is sponsored by Bohemian Foundation, EKS&H CPA’s, US Reports Inc, Campus West Car Wash, Neenan Archistruction, Sample & Bailey CPA’s, Odell Brewing Company, A-Train Marketing Communications Inc, and Dr. Crane, DDS. Other contributors include: Hilton Fort Collins, Canino’s Italian Restaurant, Open Stage Theatre & Company and Avogadro’s Number.

All proceeds will support HPI’s local program of prevention. Since 2001, the Homelessness Prevention Initiative (HPI) has been providing rental assistance and resource referrals to local families at imminent risk of eviction. The grassroots nonprofit has provided rental assistance and resource referrals to more than 13,000 individuals, 8,000 of which are children who were facing risk of eviction. The average amount of basic assistance per household is under \$300.

“John will be with us in spirit. He won’t want to miss the fun” said Shelle Anna Harkness, one of John’s friends who is on the event committee helping HPI host this event.

For more information about Homelessness Prevention Initiative, visit www.homelessnessprevention.net or call Sue Beck-Ferkiss, executive director at 970.407.7021.