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and welcoming space for visitors from around the country," said Edie Cofrin, co-chairwoman of "Building Equality."

In addition to the historical significance of the project, Bean said the new headquarters is an important financial step for HRC. Not only does the organization gain value by owning its own property, estimates indicate it will save about \$15 million during the next 15 years by avoiding high-priced rents in the expensive Washington market.

"The money that HRC will save by completing this project allows more funds to be available for other important GLBT civil rights work," Bean said.

The headquarters boasts innovative features such as the only "green roof" in downtown Washington. The roof, covered with soil and plantings, improves the efficiency of the building by reducing heating and cooling needs and catches rainwater, which would otherwise run off into the sewer systems.

The headquarters also features an Online Action Center where the public can use computer terminals to become active in HRC's work. Space has been allocated in the building for an "Equality Forum" featuring conference capabilities and a state-of-the-art media center, which will allow HRC to communicate more



From left, Edie Cofrin, Terry Bean, Elizabeth Birch and Tipper Gore dedicate HRC's national headquarters Oct. 11 in downtown Washington, D.C.

effectively to the media and its membership through the latest in production techniques, including satellite media tours and other in-house production capabilities.

SCHOLARS ANNOUNCED

Equity Foundation has announced this year's recipients of the Pride of the Rose Scholarship.

In its 25th year, the scholarship is available to members of the sexual minorities community and their children who reside in the Portland quad-county area and Clark County, Wash. It has distributed \$140,000 since 1979.

"With dwindling educational resources, this is a particularly difficult time for students.... Equity's scholarship funds are dedicated to supporting students whose studies promote the dig-

nity and worth of all people," executive director Linda Traeger said.

This year a total of \$12,000 was awarded to 10 students. The Pride of the Rose Scholarship 2003 recipients are: Indira Allegra, sign language interpretation, Portland Community College; Jason Enderbury, interior design, Marylhurst University; Andrew Forshee, human services, Walden University; Sabrina Lorraine Freewyn, public health, Portland State University; Jaeden Nicolas Hutchison, mechanical engineering, University of California, Berkeley; Sophia Lanza-Weil, performing arts/social activism, Sarah Lawrence College; Luiz Magana, cinematography, Columbia College Chicago; Juan Tomas Nunez, architecture, University of Oregon; Alesander Peikrishvili, psychology, Portland State University; and Kristen Sturdevant, clinical psychology, Pacific University.

ACLU URGES WASHINGTON COURT TO RECOGNIZE PARENTAL RIGHTS OF LESBIAN MOTHER

The American Civil Liberties Union is urging the Washington Court of Appeals to recognize the parental rights of a lesbian who has separated from the biological mother of her daughter. Attorneys submitted a friend-of-the-court brief in the case, which was argued Oct. 3.

"Being a parent isn't just about DNA. Someone who loves, cares for, raises and supports a child from birth can be just as important to that child as the person who gave birth," attorney Leslie Cooper said. "The court should recognize

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