

# FRANCES PERKINS CENTER

## **We are seeking nominations for our three annual awards.**

Each year the Frances Perkins Center honors three individuals whose work in the area of social justice and economic security exemplifies the spirit of Frances Perkins. This year we seeking nominations from all of our constituents.

The following descriptions highlight the inspiration behind the three awards which embody different facets of Perkins' life:

The **Open Door Award** is named after the advice given to Frances Perkins by her grandmother, that when a door opens to you, you must walk through it. This award traditionally has been given to a young person who has chosen to pursue the work of Frances Perkins.

The **Steadfast Award** gets its name from the motto of Frances Perkins' Mount Holyoke class of 1902, "Be ye steadfast." This award is given to someone who is doing the work of Frances Perkins, but without public recognition.

The name for the **Intelligence and Courage Award** comes from a speech given by Frances Perkins in 1929 when she was New York State Industrial

Commissioner, in which she pledged, "I promise to use what brains I have to meet problems with intelligence and courage. I promise that I will be candid about what I know. I promise to all of you who have the right to know, the whole truth so far as I can speak it." The award is given to an individual who epitomizes the intelligence and courage of Frances Perkins. This recipient is usually a person who has taken a strong stand based on their convictions.

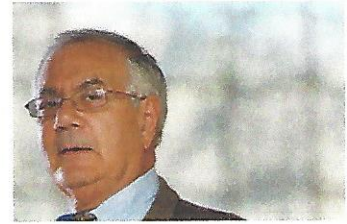
If you have people you would like to put forward please share your ideas with Executive Director Michael Chaney at [mchaney@francesperkinscenter.org](mailto:mchaney@francesperkinscenter.org) by April 1st.



**Lindsey Davis-**  
Recipient of our 2014 *Open Door Award*, is currently the Director of Crisis Services at the Coalition for the Homeless, the nation's oldest advocacy and direct service organization helping homeless men, women and children, based in New York City. She has been with the Coalition since 2004.



**Christine Hastedt-**  
Recipient of our 2014 *Steadfast Award* is Public Policy Director, Maine Equal Justice, based in Augusta, Maine. She has been a legal advocate for low income people for more than 35 years. "If anyone has ever been steadfast in his or her work to keep the legacy of Frances Perkins alive, it is Chris Hastedt," according to a State House Leader.



**Former Congressman Barney Frank, 2014 *Intelligence and Courage* Awardee.** As the co-author of the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act of 2010, Barney Frank wrote legislation that has been referred to as the most sweeping change in financial regulation since the Great Depression.