The Marshall Legacy Institute (MLI) will celebrate its 14th Anniversary and again host the Clearing the Path Gala to honor leaders whose extraordinary efforts have improved lives in war-torn countries. It will be a night for food and dog lovers to unite to hear compelling stories and enjoy scrumptious dishes and entertainment from around the world. The Gala will feature a hero dog team from Afghanistan that will demonstrate how man’s best friend “sniffs out” landmines to make the world a safer and better place for all. The evening will also highlight MLI’s life-saving successes in its Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program, Children against Mines Program (CHAMPS), and Survivors’ Assistance Program.

HONOREES:
- Senator Jack Reed (D-RI), Public Policy Award
- Glenelg Country School, Joan Wismer CHAMPS Award
- Fantomi Sitting Volleyball Team, Survivors’ Assistance Award
- MDD Pete and Shah Mohmood, MDD Team of the Year

PRESENTERS:
- Deputy Secretary of State William Burns
- Senator Mike Enzi (R-WY) and Mrs. Diana Enzi
- Representative Chris Smith (R-NJ)

ENTERTAINMENT: The Nomad Dancers

PAST HONOREES:
- BAE Systems (2010 Corporate Award)
- Anthony Lake (2010 Humanitarian Award)
- Susan Hollier (2010 CHAMPS Award)
- Raytheon (2009 Corporate Award)
- Kirsten Parkinson (2009 CHAMPS Award)
- Reps. Christopher Smith (R-NJ) & John Murtha (D-PA) (2008 Public Policy Award)
- General Dynamics (2008 Corporate Award)
- Vermont Girl Scout Troops 125 & 820 (2008 CHAMPS Awards)
- General Gordon R. Sullivan (2007 MLI Founder’s Award)
- Geoffrey and Elizabeth Parkinson (2007 Community Service Award)
- Joan Wismer (2007 CHAMPS Patron Award)
- Patricia Prayor (2007 CHAMPS Teacher of the Year Award)
- Alexis Keslinke and Apollo Jr. High School (2006 CHAMPS Award)
- Mrs. Diana Enzi (2005 Community Service Award)
- Dr. Kenneth R. Rutherford (2005 Survivors’ Assistance Award)
- Senators Chuck Hagel and Patrick Leahy (2002 Public Policy Award)
- Her Majesty Queen Noor al-Hussein (International Award)

The Marshall Legacy Institute is a nonprofit organization that was founded to restore hope, alleviate suffering, and nurture stability in war-torn countries. MLI helps nations establish sustainable programs to rid their soil of the scourge of landmines. Major projects include the Mine Detection Dog Partnership Program (MDDPP), the CHildren against Mines Program (CHAMPS), and the Survivors’ Assistance programs. In just the past 12 months, we have donated 19 lifesaving dogs to Azerbaijan, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Iraq, Lebanon and Sri Lanka. These valuable canines with their brave local handlers, along with MLI’s other actively working dogs, searched and cleared nearly 4 million square meters of mine-contaminated land (about the size of Rhode Island). We currently have 16 more MDDs in training for work in Afghanistan and Angola. Over the past year, we also provided medical assistance & vocational training to dozens of landmine survivors, and we have engaged thousands of American youth with students in beneficiary countries to help children who have been injured by landmines.