



San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center *Volunteer Spotlight*

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Sean Hutchinson



Sean Hutchinson is active, high-level volunteer supporting many critical Center programs. First, he is bringing more than 15 years of service as a change agent in high-growth environments requiring complex reasoning and multi-faceted leadership to help the Center's Business Development Program incubate new programs for LGBT entrepreneurs. Specifically, Sean is taking the lead on helping us explore new ways to incentivize and stimulate the growth of LGBT-owned businesses including hosting a business plan competition, building a small business incubator, forming a group of angel investors interested in supporting LGBT businesses, and eventually forming a fund to make equity investments in promising LGBT ventures. Second, early this summer he participated in an intensive all-day planning retreat that helped lay the groundwork for the Center's new expanding vision of building a vibrant, multicultural LGBT Community founded on shared strengths and values, in which no one is left behind. Finally, along with Board member Erik Terreri, he is Co-Chair of the agency's spring Soiree, which is anticipated to bring over 800 LGBT and allied community members together for a celebration netting over \$100,000 to support Center programming.

"It's all been great," Sean declares. "I love meeting new people and learning about the Center's programs, seeing it in action. By nature, I'm a problem-solver so it's rewarding to roll up my sleeves and figure out how to make things work better - stretch resources further, attract donors, and get the word out about programs and services." As for his message to the community, he says, "While I have the bully pulpit for a moment, I want put in a plug for others to consider volunteering for the Center - it's really rewarding. My feeling is that I get far more than I give. And remember, by volunteering, you will make President Obama happy!"

Sean Hutchinson is also the founder and managing partner of **FortunatoHutchinson**, the Bay Area's first firm specializing in exit planning and ownership transition for privately-held businesses. The firm's *Life/Legacy* Program ensures that business owners efficiently transfer hard-won business value into legacy value, while creating significant personal and business tax advantages and liquid net worth. Fortunato/Hutchinson's founding partners are two of only 88 Certified Exit Planning Advisors (CEPA) in the United States. For more information, visit www.fortunatohutchinson.com.