



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

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Michael Medema



Anyone who attended last month's Soiree 8 anniversary party will understand why current board member Michael Medema deserves the Volunteer of the Month award! And, it has nothing to do with the blue glitter lipstick or his hilarious costume of straws and whatever else he had attached to his outfit he wore that evening.

As co-chair of Soiree 8, Michael organized and led a group of energetic volunteers in putting together the Center's most successful anniversary party ever! Through Michael and his Soiree 8 committee efforts, the Center netted approximately \$135K, which surpassed the budget by an astonishing 45%.

Michael began his work last August securing honorary co-chairs Human Rights Commission executive director Theresa Sparks and Supervisor David Campos. He then worked feverishly recruiting committee volunteers and ambassadors; leading planning meetings; mapping out event details with Billy and George from Pink Collar Events ; securing entertainment; encouraging his sub-committee chairs to secure more sponsorships, auction items, food & beverages, etc.; and, doing whatever else was necessary to ensure a successful event. If you were a Facebook friend of Michael's during the past 8 months, you saw for yourself the outstanding effort and non-stop work he did on behalf of Soiree 8 and the Center. In addition to organizing the event, Michael, with the help of his merry band of recruited ambassadors, also led everyone in ticket sales with over 50 tickets attributed to him!

Michael's commitment and passion for the Center is unwavering. He is a great ambassador and community leader. We are very fortunate to have him serving on the Center's board of directors, who by the way, can't wait to see what he has in store for next year's anniversary party!

- *Debbie Chaw, Co-Chair, Board of Directors
San Francisco LGBT Community Center*