



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

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Aubrey Hone and David Rak

Leadership with Style and Grace

Hugs and kisses from all of us here at the Center to our Soiree 9 Co-Chairs Aubrey Hone and David Rak for producing our most successful fundraising event to date! In grand La Dolce Vita style, nearly 1,000 guests gathered at the beautiful San Francisco Design Center Galleria on March 26, 2011 for an anniversary celebration that channeled the glamour, romance and spirit of 1960s Rome. We are pleased to share with you that the evening raised over \$150,000 to support a critical safety net of Center services, including hot meals for homeless youth and job-seeking support for unemployed adults.

With style and grace, Aubrey and David led a team of half-a-dozen staff members and nearly 100 volunteers to produce this annual event. Relatively new to the Center, they dove in head first as volunteers because they so strongly believe in our mission of connecting our diverse community to opportunities, resources and each other to build a stronger, healthier and more equitable world for LGBT people and our allies. Their enthusiasm was infectious, inspiring others to exceed event goals.



Both work full-time as lawyers, yet found the time to stay intimately engaged throughout the 6 months of hard work required to produce Soiree 9. They found that elusive balance point between handling tasks themselves and delegating to others, artfully sharing responsibilities among all involved.

When asked what he most appreciated about the two, Pink Collar Production Event Coordinator Bill Picture said it was, "their diligence and commitment to not allowing even the smallest detail to fall through the cracks." Soiree Auction Co-Chair Lianne Hope similarly reflected, "I really enjoyed working with this dynamite duo. They were the perfect leaders who managed with professionalism and positivity!"

David continues to work closely with the Center as a volunteer Board member, while Aubrey is taking a well-deserved break while remaining actively connected to our work through her fiancée Amanda Keton, who is also a Board member. All of us here look forward to working with them again soon as we start to plan the Center's 10th Anniversary Soiree, scheduled for March 24, 2012. Mark your calendars now for what surely will be the Center celebration of the decade!

- Gayle Roberts, Development Director