

Matthew Verdun

How has this person provided service to the LGBTQ community? Matthew facilitates RCC's new young men's group, *Alive and Active* (for HIV+ men under 40), and has volunteered at Pride in San Diego and San Francisco and currently volunteers as the Revenue Chair for the [Oakland - East Bay Gay Men's Chorus](#).

Background: Matthew was raised in Muskegon, a small manufacturing town in western Michigan. At the local college, Matthew studied political science and was a page for the state legislature.

A change of college majors led Matthew to San Diego, where he earned a scholarship to attend United States International University to study the field of mental health and social sciences and graduated with a B.A. in Psychology and a M.S. in Family Therapy from University of Phoenix in San Diego. While earning his M.S., he worked for Child Protective Services full time

Today, Matt is a social worker for the Regional Center of the East Bay and is finishing his hours to become a Marriage and Family Therapist.

Combining his love of music and professional skills, Matthew has taken the role as the Revenue Chair of the [Oakland - East Bay Gay Men's Chorus](#). He's in charge of fundraisers and writing grants for the many community activities in which the chorus is engaged.

Three words that describe Matthew: Dedicated, Ambitious, and Talented.

Check out the OEBGMC's schedule [here](#)



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