

Tony Snell Rodriguez

Accomplished Civic and Community Leader

Passionate and Strong Advocate for Equality, Human Rights, Education, and Respect for ALL!

Civic and Community Leadership Roles and Service

PrideFest Milwaukee

- Production Team, Director of Security (2016 - Present)

City of Milwaukee Election Commission

- Bilingual Election Inspector (2016 - Present)

Visit Milwaukee

- Volunteer, Spreading Goodwill (2015 - Present)

South Carolina Pride Movement, Inc. (SCPM)

- Production Manager and Emcee, South Carolina Pride Festival (1992 - Present)
- Co-chair, Legislative and Government Affairs Committee (2004 - 2005)
- President, SCPM (1995 - 2000)
- Chief LGBT Political Liaison and Spokesperson, South Carolina General Assembly and Governmental Affairs (1995 - 2000)
- Organized First Statewide Conference of South Carolina LGBT Organizations (1999)
- Led S.C. Pride Parade, Rally, and Festival, Columbia, S.C. (1999)
- Advanced Hate Crimes Legislation Through South Carolina Senate (1999)
- Interviewed by the *New York Times* in a Ground-breaking, Front Page Story on LGBT Political Activism in the South (1998)
- Challenged Bob Jones University's Discriminatory Policies (1998)
- Spearheaded LGBT Inclusion in St. Patrick's Day Parade, Columbia, S.C. (1998)
- Led S.C. Pride Parade, Rally, and Festival, Myrtle Beach, S.C. (1998)
- Led S.C. Pride March and Rally, Greenville, S.C. (1997)
- Chair, Development and Fundraising Committee (1992 - 1995)

The Harriet Hancock LGBT Center Foundation (HHCF), Columbia, S.C.

- Member, Board of Directors (1995 - Present)
- Chair, Communications Committee (2012 - Present)
- Co-Chair, Give OUT Day Benefit Committee (2013 - Present)
- Director and Committee Chair, Community Center Operations & Programming (2007 - 2012)
- Co-Chair and Emcee, "It Gets Better" S.C. State House Vigil, Honoring Bullying and Suicide Victims (2010)
- Spearheaded Expanded Community Center Services and Programs for LGBT Seniors, Persons Living with HIV, Transgender (Gender Expression/Identity) Support, Youth at Risk, and Outreach (2007 - 2012)
- Championed Human Rights Ordinance, Columbia, S.C. (City Council Voted Unanimously to Prohibit Discrimination on the Basis of Sexual Orientation or Gender Identity) -- First LGBT HRO in South Carolina (2008)
- Secretary and Treasurer, Foundation Board (1995 -2008)
- Successfully Authored the First Municipal Grant for LGBT Promotions and Programs in South Carolina (2008)

FBI (Columbia Division) Community Engagement Council (FBI-CEC)

- Member, LGBT Representative, FBI-CEC (2008 - 2012)
- Worked to Educate the FBI on How Minority Communities Perceive the Bureau and on How to Approach Culturally Sensitive Issues
- Presented to and Advised Special Agent in Charge and U.S. Attorney
- Interacted and Learned from a Vast, Diversified Group of Minority

Federation of Statewide LGBT Political Organizations (Equality Federation)

- Founding Member and Representative, Equality Federation (1997 - 2000)
- Strategizing Across State Lines, Building Stronger State LGBT Organizations, and Developing Good Working Relationships Between State and National LGBT Groups

South Carolina Association of Handicapped and Disabled

- President, Board of Directors (1995-1996)
- Member, Board of Directors (1993 - 1995)
- Expanded Funding and Services for People with HIV

Animal Protection League of South Carolina

- Member, Board of Directors (1987-1989)
- Committed to Providing a Safe Haven for Abused and Abandoned Animals and Shelter Operations

Boy Scouts of America Indian Waters Council

- Member, Council Executive Committee (1985 - 1987)
- Member, Order of Arrow BSA National Honor Society

Selected Awards and Recognition

- Recipient, Pride Honors Lifetime Achievement Award, S.C. Pride (2016)
- Recognition, Contributions to South Carolina Black Pride (2010)
- Recipient, Harriet Hancock LGBT Center Distinguished Service Award (2008)
- Honor, S.C. Pride Board Establishes "Tony Snell Leadership Award" (1997)
- Recipient, S.C. Pride Exceptional Leadership Award (1995)
- Ordained, Universal Life Church

Employment History

2013 - Present	Retired		Milwaukee, WI
2003 - 2013	President		Vista Management, LLC, Columbia, SC
1999 - 2003	VP Operations	America's Best Security, Columbia, SC	
1991 - 2003	General Manager	Baton Management, Inc, Columbia, SC	
1987 - 1991	Partner	Pets Unlimited, Inc, West Columbia, SC	
1985 - 1987	Staff Assistant	S.C. Lt. Governor's Office, Columbia, SC	
1984 - 1985	Staff	2nd Congressional District, Columbia, SC	
1982 - 1984	New Writer - Producer	WIS-TV,	Columbia, SC
1980 - 1982	News Writer - Producer	WCSC-TV,	Charleston, SC

Education

1982 - 1986	Journalism	University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC
1981 - 1982	Government and International Relations	Charleston Southern University Charleston, SC

References

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