

# Spotlight on Past Events



Event coordinators, from left to right: Leah Devun (photography), Anna Thomas, Kristin Schilt and Stacey (DJ and flyer design)



Flier from the "Total Eclipse of the Heart" event benefitting COHI

## Queer and Misfits Prom, Houston, TX: An Interview with Anna Thomas

**What moved you to organize and host this event for COHI?** Belief in COHI's mission and vision. Desire to do something that i was capable of, that would be fun, and would help build community in my town, in addition to providing some much-needed discretionary funds to COHI. Belief that the GLBT communities should be involved with issues beyond domestic and GLBT-specific ones.

### What steps did you take to organize the event?

1. Enlist the help of local partners who had skills and connections to support the event and were willing to donate their time and resources, such as photographers, artists, drag performers, MCs, DJs.
2. Identify a venue that would be appropriate for the size, scale of the event and that would be supportive of the messages of the organization.
3. Meet periodically to assure that work related to the event was getting done as it needed to be.
4. Getting local press interested and making announcements at related events.

**How did you personally/professionally benefit from the event?** Feeling stronger about my skills in identifying funding and event planning, ability to do something domestically that has an impact globally, identified potential partners for future events and projects.