



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

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SF TEAM (San Francisco Transgender Empowerment Advocacy and Mentorship)



The Center's SF TEAM (San Francisco Transgender Empowerment Advocacy and Mentorship) is the longest running Community Initiatives of the Center. Through the years, SF TEAM has hosted Winter T Dances, Transgender Pride Awards and Day of Remembrance events. SF TEAM was among the founders of the Trans March and co-hosted the first ever Trans Health and Resource Fair in 2008. They are also a member of the Center's Transgender Economic Empowerment Initiative (TEEI). SF TEAM is currently co-chaired by two of our most fabulous volunteers, Yavanté Thomas-Guess and Jenna Rapues. Under Yavanté and Jenna's guidance we recently co-hosted a 10-year anniversary Day of Remembrance celebration that was attended by over 100 people. It was heralded as the most powerful, inspirational and celebratory DOR to date with it's theme of "You Inspire Me" that sought to celebrate the lives of those we've lost to violence. Jenna and Yavanté are leaders of the community in their own right. Yavanté was the Transgender Economic Development Coordinator for the Center and Jenna works for the San Francisco Department of Public Health in the AIDS Office - HIV Prevention Section and is a member of the Transgender Advisory Group. Not only are they established leaders, they are also rising stars and we are so incredibly fortunate to have them doing their amazing work at the Center. SF TEAM meets the last Wednesday of every month at 6pm at the Center. Join their Yahoo group by emailing SF-TEAM@yahoogroups.com or visit their website at www.sfteam.org.