



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

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### **Brian Weart**



Brian originally became involved with the Center to give back to the LGBTQ community as a donating member. As his interest in The Center developed, he began volunteering for assorted administrative duties in the Development department and eventually, in the fall of 2009, as a result of his career transition, he enrolled in both the Information and Referral Desk orientation and SNAP and began to devote more of his time volunteering in these vital programs.

Since taking on additional volunteer duties late last year, Brian has had a number of favorite and equally memorable experiences, even at the Information and Referral Desk alone. “Probably the best of both,” Brian identifies, “is providing my life experience insights and helpful references to young gay and transgender clients that are new to San Francisco and seeking all sorts of advice, especially when you see them de-stress and relax, once they discover someone actually cares and understands.”

“Volunteering at a nationally recognized and premier LGBTQ organization, such as The Center,” Brian adds, “provides me a viable outlet to be an out and proud gay man as well as a credible resource for developing my skills for self-improvement and building an even better personal network.”

Brian is very meticulous without compromising the care he dutifully offers to all visitors and clients. He possesses an affable and approachable attitude, a go-getter disposition, and consistent follow-through that make him a reliable source of support. He has also provided assistance beyond his duties, pouring hours of volunteering at events such as the Academy of Friends Gala, the Center’s Pride Kick-Off and Soiree Anniversary Gala.

“The casual pace, energy and enthusiasm of the staff and the dynamics and openness shown by the clients and visitors provides much of the excitement. Being a visible, acknowledged and a considered part of the Center team is also very satisfying.”