

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

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Interns Spotlight: *Gary Yamada* and *Quincy Tanner*



**Gary** Yamada has been a stellar volunteer with the Center's Economic Development Department. Gary has consistently contributed a positive and constructive attitude to the workplace.

Gary has supported the Economic Development Program in a number of ways. He's done data entry for the Gary came to The Center in December 2009, after googling the workforce development program, to seek job search assistance from the Economic Development team. During the consultation, David Bach, the Center's Workforce Specialist, suggested that his analytical, creative, and strategic background, combined with his MBA, would be helpful to their team.

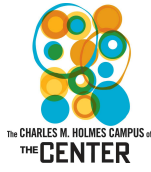
Since he had no other job prospects – paid or otherwise – he decided that it would be a great opportunity to intern to a) keep busy, b) do meaningful work, c) foster networking opportunities, and d) keep his résumé filled.

He conducted very successful community and employer outreach for the Transgender Job Fair, he helped publicize all of our events, and he's even pitched in to help the Development Department as needed. He has developed connections with LGBT friendly organizations that he didn't know existed. Gary also helps the older Economic Development Department staff members (not mentioning any names here) with technology and social media support. Whenever we needed a helping hand, Gary has been right there with a solution and a smile.

"Perhaps the most memorable experience was when some visitors/users of The Center approached me to thank me for my work in organizing the job fairs. To them, being able to speak with employers in a safe and inclusive environment was unheard of, and they appreciated The Center's efforts to make them feel welcome. It was amazing to see that we could make such an incredible impact on people," Gary says. "It's wonderful to see that so many people are involved at The Center, and it's great that the volunteers do play such a pivotal role in helping The Center deliver its programs."

Having had the opportunity to work with Gary has been a truly lucky experience and we know once he finds gainful employment, the sky's the limit for him.

- *Ken Stram*  
*Director of Economic Development*



One lovely spring morning **Quincy** Tanner walked into the Development office and our lives changed forever. We were in the middle of organizing our annual Soiree and amidst the chaos he appeared, a Poseidon God in blue, and we knew we had to adopt him as our development intern. Between organizing our supply closet, working on the silent auction, doing much needed mail merges and mailings, heading up food donations, working with sponsors and eventually landing himself the role of a lifetime as our registration coordinator for the Soiree – he showed up every day with a smile, a jaunt in his walk and crystals in his bowtie. Quincy Tanner (or QTpie as he sometimes affectionately signs his emails) is truly an excellent addition to the Development Team. He told us stories of faraway lands, entertained us with his infectious laugh and as the Soiree ended, so did his time with us. Just when we thought he had moved on to bigger and better things, we were able to snag him one last time for our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Pride Party. He has proven himself all over again, creating a full on dynamic website for the event, acting as our official event blogger, mail merges, sponsor mailings, multi tasking, last minute requests – QT is on top of it all. We here on the Development Staff are excited and proud to have our intern, Quincy Tanner, be volunteer of the month. Thanks QTpie!



- *Gayle, Devon, Loretta  
Center Development Team*