



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

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Brandon was born and raised in "the sticks" of Northeastern Pennsylvania. There, he enjoyed reading and writing; explored wildlife present in local wooded areas and swamps; spotlighted for deer in fields at night for viewing purposes only. Sadly, in his senior year of high school one of these magnificent deer fatally plowed into the passenger side of his moving Mustang causing the passenger at the time to nearly leap over onto his lap.



Brandon has studied, worked and lived in San Francisco since 1994. He pretty much now identifies himself as worthy of the title: a San Franciscan.

As a member of the I&R volunteer staff, what he most enjoys about volunteering at the Center is the camaraderie he often experiences with the Center's hardworking

Facilities Staff. Also, those rare but comforting moments when he realizes that he has successfully assisted a client with a meaningful referral. His most memorable moment at the Center was when a client while filling out a demographic survey indicated "Other" in the gender portion of the survey and wrote in the words, "Am I pretty?" as an alternate way of understanding an individual's personal gender.

Brandon is currently obsessed with the life and work of the late filmmaker and actress Adrienne Shelly to whom he owes a great debt for inspiring him. His past accomplishments are as much of a mystery to him just as any future ones will be.

The words which Brandon feels best describe him would read, "Who lovingly pursued his mysteries instead of his responsibilities".