



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



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Daniel Stewart

Aside from supporting Center fundraisers as an attendee, Dan has been an invaluable talent with the Information and Referral Program. Since summer of 2009, Dan has lent his teaching expertise in ensuring a well-run I&R Program, whether providing direct referrals, assisting in evaluating current procedures, or mentoring prospective volunteers through the inner workings of the program. Dan is an exemplary volunteer, possessing high degrees of competence, patience, and diligence. We are profoundly grateful for having him be part of our volunteer corps.

- *Joseph, Community Program Coordinator*

What brought you to The Center? Where do you volunteer and why do you volunteer at this particular team?

Gayle encouraged me to volunteer, and I took a chance. The I&R program lets me learn and it lets me use what I've learned to help people in a variety of situations. There's enough routine to make it manageable, and enough unpredictability to make it challenging.

What excites you about volunteering for The Center?

Connecting people to whatever information or services they're seeking is a great feeling. I know it's "just" the LGBT Community Center, but I often feel like I'm sitting in the City's lobby, answering questions that relate to people's practical needs.

Do you have any memorable and/or favorite experience volunteering with The Center?

Three hours of smiling at people and having them return the favor is more than enough to keep me coming back. The staff at the Center creates a welcoming and friendly atmosphere that makes it an ideal place to volunteer.