



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



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Jessee Parish

Jessee has been instrumental in carrying out numerous projects at the Center. She has helped with much enthusiasm, volunteering at our Soiree, setting up a raffle station for the Pride Party, and has been involved in some of our smaller VIP events. She also has dedicated several hours helping out in the Development office with various tasks, such as mailings and database cleanups. We appreciate her flexibility, reliability, and smile that she brings to the Center!

- Loretta Chung & Development Team

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

As early as 2002 I became aware of The Center. It is important to me to promote tolerance for all living beings. The Center is an abundant space for kind and gentle beings to gather, where they will be safe and at liberty to participate in events designed to build community. Often I work in the Development Department assisting with parties that raise valuable dollars on which The Center relies. This I enjoy and I always look forward to returning to help as new projects are revealed.

What excites you about volunteering for The Center?

What excites me about volunteering for The Center is that people from all walks of life participate in activities that achieve queer solidarity! We welcome the homeless, we welcome architects and designers, we welcome seniors, we welcome the bourgeoisie... We sustain so many great programs, parties, and classes that one may find oneself at The Center more than once a week! The Center is a place where I can go with ideas and find someone who is interested in them. It is fertile ground for growing as a person or a professional.

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

Our Pride Party last year was so much fun! I was on the event staff, and met probably 450 new people in 2 hours! I made a few lasting friendships there, and have since graduated to the next level of volunteering. We are seeking donations for our upcoming Soiree 9, and I have the opportunity to connect with businesses in San Francisco that will support the guests at our party with prizes such as tropical vacations, skydiving lessons, boutique hotel stays, the proceeds of which go directly to The Center's services.

Do you wish to share anything else about volunteering at the Center?

I want to thank The Center staff for being so fair-minded and professional. My life has improved since we met, and I will continue to be at your service for the duration.