



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



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Vinny Puliti

Vinny embodies everything a volunteer could be: consistent, welcoming, and dedicated to serving the community, among other qualities. As an Information and Referral volunteer, Vinny has dealt with numerous situations with grace, care, understanding, and warmth. He maintains a high sense of professionalism while still providing a congenial attitude to anyone that comes through the Center's doors, regardless of their background or situation. In addition, Vinny's assistance has been valuable to the Center's Workforce Development program, particularly on our most recent LGBT job fair on February 23, 2011. The event would not have been such a success if it weren't for the many hours and attention to details Vinny dedicated as a

volunteer to that effort in our department. Kudos, Vinny!

- *Joseph, Community Programs and David, Workforce Development*

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

I wanted to give back to the community and had volunteered with Philadelphia's LGBT Center (William Way Center) and really enjoyed it. I volunteer with Information and Referrals and Intern within the Workforce Development group under David Bach. I am assisting in coordinating the Center sponsored job fairs.

What excites you about volunteering for The Center?

Every day I volunteer brings exciting challenges and insight into the diversity of our community. Referring incoming guests by phone, email, or in person to the opportunities within the city and bay area allows me to learn about upcoming events I may want to attend too.

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

While at the LGBT job fair I met some great jobseekers excited about their prospects meeting recruiters. That kind of enthusiasm is infectious!

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

There are few establishments such as The Center in the U.S. that bring together so many different people from a variety of backgrounds on a given day. It truly can feel like the center of the gay universe.