



32 Jones Street
Jersey City, NJ 07306
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Volunteer Application

Here at The Hudson Pride Connections Center we are very lucky to have many dedicated volunteers that make it possible for us to do the work that we do. We invite to you get involved and become a vital part of our community by volunteering and becoming and part of the Hudson Pride Connections Center family.

It is with the help of our volunteers that we're able to offer a variety of programs, services and events while maintaining our facility and keeping things running smoothly. Volunteers help us in many areas: they greet our visitors, answer phones, maintain the facility, create flyers, help at events, and even keep our cabinets full of snacks and beverages for our clients.

Our Volunteer Program is very flexible and we have an array of volunteer opportunities available that are sure to fit your interests and availability. There is no experience necessary and Adults of all ages and Youth are all welcome and encouraged to volunteer with us!

How to become a HPC volunteer:

- Complete Volunteer Application: Mail it to us at Hudson Pride Connections Center, 32 Jones Street, Jersey City, NJ 07306.
- Attend Volunteer Orientation: The second Thursday of every month (6:30 pm - 8:30 pm) at the Hudson Pride Connections Center located at 32 Jones Street in the Journal Square area of Jersey City.

Some of the Volunteer Opportunities we have available:

- **“Gatekeepers”:** Our invaluable **Reception Desk Volunteers** welcome and greet all visitors, answer phones and support staff administration with light clerical needs, as necessary. The time commitment is flexible during all operating hours.
- **“Hands on Deck”:** Our **Special Event Volunteers** can take a variety of roles: help set-up and take-down events; work with a group of staff, and volunteers, to plan and carry out major events like the Pink Prom; lead or help with one of our weekly activities like a film series or arts and crafts in the drop-in center. The time commitment is very flexible.
- **“Backbone”:** Our **Office Volunteers** assist staff with mailings, data entry, administrative errands, newsletter production, and other projects. Office Volunteers help our small staff deliver services more effectively. Day and evening hours are available.

- **“Front Line”:** Our **Group Facilitator Volunteers** lead discussion and support groups. They work with our clients to discuss issues in a lively and supportive atmosphere. The commitment is flexible and depends on the group which you are leading. Experience in your field or training/certification required.
- **“Buddies”:** Our **HIV+ Companion Buddy Program Volunteers** offer support for HIV+ individuals in adhering to their challenging and frustrating medication regimen and provide respite from isolation and loneliness. The commitment is attending a mandatory Buddy Program Training, weekly phone calls with your buddy, and meeting with your buddy at least once a month.
- **“Stylists”:** Our **House Maintenance Volunteers** help us keep our facility running smoothly and ready for our clients. We need help with all kinds of projects including painting, flooring, doors, cleaning, gardening and grounds work, and as-needed repairs. The time commitment is very flexible.
- **“Ambassadors”:** Our **Community Representative Volunteers** represent us at external events outside of the Center like health fairs, art openings, expos, Pride events and all other community events. This is an exciting opportunity to be an ambassador to the community and have a fun time at local celebrations and events! The commitment is flexible and includes attending a mandatory community representative training.
- **“Pride Festival Volunteer”:** Pride Festival Volunteers can take on a variety of roles: help with the numerous pre-festival tasks; work on various committees set up to handle all aspects of Pride, including marketing, fund raising, and entertainment; work with a group of staff and volunteers to carry out festival-day events. You can lend a hand on a number of pre- and day-of duties.
- **Other - You Tell Us What You Would Like To Help With!** We are always open to new ideas.
- **Would you like to volunteer your professional skills and services?**
Individuals with professional skills contribute regularly to the work at the Center. We are always in need of people with prior experience or training in the following areas:
 - Accounting
 - Event planning
 - Graphic Design
 - Database Management
 - Marketing
 - Fund Raising
 - Writing/Editing
- **Board of Directors & Board Committees:** If you are interested in applying to serve on our Board of Directors or in joining one of our & Board Committees please contact our Executive Director Nancy Caamano for more information at nancy@hudsonpride.org or call (201) 963-4779 ext. 112

Date:	
Name:	
Date of Birth:	
Address:	
City, State, Zip:	
Cell Phone:	
Another Phone:	
<i>Email:</i>	

Areas of Interest (Choose at least 1 interest)

Please check the area(s) in which you are interested. For descriptions refer to the volunteer opportunities listed above.

- Reception Desk Volunteers
- Event Volunteers
- Computer Lab
- Office Assistance
- Maintenance Help
- Support Group Facilitator
- Buddy Program Volunteers
- Community Representative
- Fundraising

- Accounting
- Graphic Design
- Database management
- Marketing
- Grant Writing
- Board of Directors
- Board Committee
- Other

Please list any additional/other areas in which you are interested in volunteering.

Availability *Please check the times when you are available or write them below.*

I tend to be available for volunteer work: Daytime Evenings Weekends

I would like to volunteer: Once in a while Monthly Weekly

How did you hear about the Hudson Pride Connections Center?

Please list previous volunteer experience(s): _____

What is your field of study? _____

What is your educational background? _____

Are you currently employed? If so, Where? _____

Please respond to the following questions. Feel free to use the back if necessary.

What motivates you to apply as a volunteer for our organization?

What experiences have you had working with the LGBT Community and people living with HIV/AIDS?

What do you hope to gain from being a volunteer?

Thank you! Please call Executive Director Nancy Caamaño or email her at nancy@hudsonpride.org with any questions.