

Interview with Volunteer Spotlight of the Month – Dani Cardinal

- Name
 - Dani Cardinal
- Pronouns
 - They/Them
- Where did you grow up / where do you live now?
 - Dani was born in Pittsburg but moved to Pelham Manor when they were 5. They have lived in Pelham Manor ever since!
- Where do you currently work/where did you work?
 - Dani just graduated from Stony Brook University with their Bachelors of the Arts in Psychology! During this time they lived on campus and also took online classes to finish their degree.
 - Dani just got their first job! “I’m going to be doing customer service [for MyUSAcorporation.com]”. MyUSAcorporation.com has an office in the Radisson Hotel in New Rochelle and helps small businesses grow.
- Why The LOFT?
 - “I have always loved the LGBT community”. Dani said that at school they “were on the LGBT club’s E-board for a year as the PR rep”. When they took some time off from school they missed being involved with the LGBT community and “found The LOFT through meet-up”. Ever since, Dani has been an active member of the community!
- Experience in Volunteering/ Volunteering with The LOFT:
 - Dani has been serving as a Translifeline.org volunteer for the past three years. “Any transgender person can call the lifeline if they are feeling depressed or if they just want someone to talk too”. Dani is a team lead at Trans Lifeline and “mentors the new group of operators”.
 - Dani got involved with The LOFT 2 years ago after LOFT Pride in 2016. Since then they have been integral in starting up The LOFT’s Mental Health Peer Support Group. They started the process of creating this group in late 2015 and they currently serve as one of the facilitators for the group. They are also an active member of LOFT Pride Chorus.
 - Dani goes to Gaymes Night occasionally and used to be an active member of the Transgender Peer Support Group. They also attend some 20-something group meetings occasionally. We at The LOFT thank Dani for their service and participation!
- Would they rather go on vacation in the mountains or near a beach?



- Near a beach! Dani says that they “love to swim” and that they currently go to the Y a few times per week.
- Favorite Show?
 - The anime series “Mahou Shoujo Madoka Magica”
- Words to live by?
 - “YOLO”