

Howard Baltazar

Howard ran into Kas at Sushi Ten restaurant in 2009. When Kas mentioned that he is a Volunteer Coordinator at the Rainbow Community Center, Howard decided to visit RCC. Howard has been a good match for the Kind Hearts food delivery program and he has been faithfully delivering groceries to those who are home bound due to age or disabilities in Concord, Martinez, and Crockett ever since.

If any of the participants are home and willing to strike up a conversation, Howard will always engage. He understands that some do not wish to talk and Howard is respectful of their wishes. Howard has been known to help with some household tasks if needed also.

Howard is a giving person and feels the happiest when he is doing things for others. He gets a great sense of satisfaction by being a volunteer in the Kind Heats Program. The joy he feels by being a part of a helping process to improve peoples lives is what motivates him to continue - even during the holiday season when his work as a professional singer with the SF Symphony Chorus keeps him very busy. He also expresses his gratitude for the support of his partner Yoshi-he says, "Without him, I wouldn't have the time or resources to volunteer!"



Photo: Howard and his partner enjoying a well-deserved vacation!