

Volunteer Spotlight - June 2011

Pornpun Briggs

Pornpun Briggs is full of energy. She always has a smile on her face and is eager to do whatever needs to be done. Pornpun (pronounced "Pawn pawn") has been volunteering in the Clothing program at Sacramento Food Bank & Family Services (SFBFS) since November of 2010.

A native of the Roi Et Province in Thailand, Pornpun was a personnel payroll supervisor for the Roi Et Plaza department store where she worked for 13 years. Prior to that, she owned her own family clothing company for six years where she supervised seven employees and manufactured, packaged and shipped outerwear clothing for retail sale. She is fluent in Thai, Laos and English.

Pornpun came to California in 2008 to attend the ESL Florin Technology Education Center where she learned to speak English. She also volunteered at the center. Pornpun began looking for other organizations that needed assistance from the community. Her neighbor happened to be a volunteer for SFBFS and quickly recruited Pornpun to assist.

"I love to help people," says Pornpun. "I want to make them happy and feel good in any way that I can."



Pornpun can be found doing just this several days each week in the Clothing program. She greets and registers clients, maintains a clean shopping area, stocks the racks with donated items and assists with administrative reports. She helps new clients by answering questions and navigating guests through the process with her signature smile.

"She is so compassionate and accepts people for who they are and where they are in their lives without any judgment," says Tasha Bryant, the Clothing Program Manager. Tasha says that she relies on Pornpun and has much admiration for her and the way that she treats and respects everyone.

"I love it here," says Pornpun. "I will stay here as long as you let me." Everyone loves Pornpun because of her warm and caring personality. It is a pleasure and a privilege for SFBFS to have Pornpun volunteer in our organization.