

Volunteer Spotlight Interview



MAJOH GOFFORD

(Maj is a former bus driver and awesome member of the transport team. He wears some great shirts, always has a big smile, and is an invaluable part of our volunteers!)

Amy: What is your day job?

Maj: I drove [the Halifax Transit bus] for one year, but then I got supervisor... I'm an on-the-road supervisor... I'm the one that looks like the cop car. They call me for accidents, passenger disputes, anything pretty much on the road that will affect the route of the bus which can be a LOT of stuff.

A: How long have you been volunteering with FIN?

M: This year will be 4 years.

A: How did you first get involved with FIN?

M: I'm into arts, so I do videography.

A: So did you hear about it through the community?

M: Yeah!

A: Why do you think it's important to volunteer?

M: To me, I think just going out to helping people out is not about the money, for me it's not about the money... I don't need to get paid, I enjoy the work. I even took, the FIN days that it's running, I took vacation then... It's a staycation and I'm having fun! Volunteering is always important... once I came back to Halifax and I started doing this [FIN AIFF] and that's the one [volunteer] thing I do.

A: What part of FIN would you recommend to someone who's never gone before?

M: Pretty much just come out to the movies! Funny thing is, since I've been doing this, I've never watched one movie! I never have time – I literally just volunteer, volunteer, volunteer. I never have time to watch any – not one movie! I gave away all the passes! My biggest thing for me, it's meeting people and socializing.

A: Do you have a favourite film, or movie that's close to your heart?

M: THE GODFATHER. I've watched that movie, geez, how many times have I watched The Godfather? I never get tired of it. And when I watch it, I sit down and watch One, two and three straight.

A: Why do you like it so much?

M: It's just really well-made. For something that's so long, to keep your interest for that long? Amazing.

A: What's your favourite movie snack?

M: Definitely not popcorn! I'm not a fan of popcorn, it gets stuck in my teeth. I'd have to say... I don't really eat snacks! It's so noisy and kinda distracts you from the movie.