

## STAND UP TO BULLYING FROM #DAY1

Dear Upstander,

We at The Tyler Clementi Foundation are excited to announce the newest member to our team: Joshua (Josh) Patel is a South Asian American professional fundraiser who has a decade of experience raising awareness and funds for marginalized communities around the world.



Josh started his philanthropic career in 2011, as an intern for the Marylanders for Marriage Equality campaign. The success of the ballot committee led him to supreme courts steps as he assisted the Human Rights Campaign's Major Gifts department. Following the fight for nationwide marriage equality, he joined the American India Foundation where he led various development, event planning, and communications initiatives. On March 8, 2018, Josh held an event titled "Equality in India," at the historic Stonewall Inn, noted as the first fundraiser in the US to benefit India's LGBTQ community. The community gathering caught the attention of National Geographic, MSNBC, American Bazaar, and various blogs. Six months following the event, India's Supreme Court repealed the archaic section 377 which made sexual behavior "against the order of nature" illegal and punishable by imprisonment."

Josh received a B.A. in Communication Studies and a Certificate in LGBT Studies from the University of Maryland. In addition, he holds a Masters Certificate in Global Philanthropy from New York University.

I hope you share in our excitement in welcoming Josh Patel, as we continue to create a culture of #Upstanders, where kindness, respect and compassion are the norms!

We appreciate your continued support of our mission. To make a contribution, please [click here](#).

With gratitude,



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