

“The Button Man” - Business is Booming

Adolfo Burgos – The Button Man – prodded his Job Coach, Joe Bernardo of Community Integrated Services (CIS) to help him start a button business. After some research, and some ‘trial and error’, AB, Inc. was in business! His first sales came at the October 2005 Brighter Futures event, where he made \$44. Since then, his business has grown. Adolfo makes pins, magnets and keychains with pictures and slogans of all types. Seen primarily at community events, his sales could be 25 buttons for a birthday party, 500 pins for the Vision for Employment initiative, and special orders from acquaintances. Adolfo and his team are hopeful that his business will continue to grow to the point where it provides him with substantial, steady income.

Supporting Adolfo to achieve employment success are Miguel Gonzales, Regina Boyer and the staff at Volunteers of America, Adolfo’s residential support provider; and Joe Bernardo and many other job coaches at CIS.