



## San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center *Volunteer Spotlight*

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### Center Women Present



“CWP saw a distinct lack in social and political programming for self-identified women, and formed this group three years ago to fill that gap,” says Amanda Rosenblum, Events Chair of CWP. “We know that programming for queer women in the bay area will only happen if we come together to provide it for ourselves.”

CWP was started at the San Francisco LGBT Community Center in August 2006. The group serves all self-identified women, including lesbians, queer, bisexual, and transgender community members. The program intends to address women's community issues through volunteer-led projects and is shaped primarily by input of community members, with assistance of the Center's staff. “CWP has an immense amount of privilege because we are a community initiative of the Center. We are supported by this institution, and often recognized and appreciated by the staff here,” Amanda professes, recognizing the Center’s support of the initiative. “We have all had the chance to put on memorable programs and fun events, and found creative ways to bridge members of LGBTQA groups in the city. We have met amazing and inspiring women. We have also been able to use our energy and skills and spirit to get more involved in what we care about.”

CWP is comprised of volunteers working together to create a rich array of activities. The deeply committed all-volunteer Steering Committee works with Center staff and input from program participants to envision, create and implement social and cultural activities that meet the community’s needs. “We absolutely love getting new volunteers and steering committee members. If our group were larger, the possibilities for what we could do would be endless.” If you’re interested in getting to know CWP or joining the initiative, please send an email to [centerwomenpresent@gmail.com](mailto:centerwomenpresent@gmail.com), or join CWP’s Yahoo and Facebook groups!