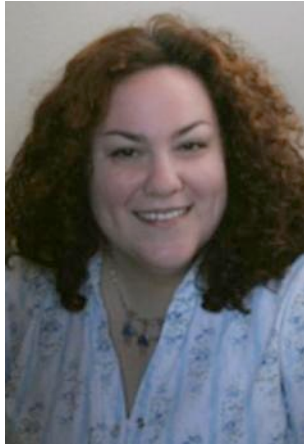


San Francisco Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender Community Center *Volunteer Spotlight*

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Ellen Lazarus



Over the past few months, Ellen Lazarus has become an invaluable asset to The Center's Volunteer Program. Logging hundreds of hours, and participating in a broad range of Center activities, Ellen has worked hard to support the Center's programs and services. Whether she's sharing information and referrals from behind the front desk, or supporting Center events like our Obama Inauguration Reception and 7th Anniversary Gala, she's always smiling and willing to lend a hand.

Ellen recently stepped into a leadership role by participating in the Volunteer Training Subcommittee, helping to plan social events for volunteers and designing ways to improve the Center's Volunteer experience.

Her purposeful insight and out-of-the-box approach to situations make her a versatile and efficient colleague. She is always cool, calm and collected, which makes her a perfect KidSpace volunteer. "I absolutely love working at KidSpace," Ellen professes. "It is a fabulous service. I love playing with the kids and entering their world for a little while. It takes me out of my own life and problems and reminds me how to play and have fun. If I leave tired or covered in paint, I know I've done my job." KidSpace Provider Laura affirms, "Ellen had been volunteering in KidSpace for about a month. Her personality fits into KidSpace very well because she is fun, very focused on each individual, and had been great resolving conflicts between children. Her fun-loving personality engages children, which is why she deserves to be "Volunteer of the Month." We totally agree. Thanks Ellen!