

Person of the Week

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Stephanie Cox

How has this person provided service to the LGBTQ community? Stephanie volunteered for many Chicago organizations. She helped organize lesbian speed dating for Dykediva.com, she served on a committee that created a lavish fundraising gala for the Lesbian Community Cancer Project, served on the Chicago Dyke March committee for two years and volunteered at Dyke Delicious, a monthly film series at Chicago Filmmakers. If “dyke” was in the title, Stephanie tried to be there. Currently, she’s a friendly visitor for Lavender Seniors in Oakland, an agency that pairs up volunteers with LGBTQ seniors in need.

Her job at RCC, Operations Manager, keeps her very busy with day-to-day events at the center and outreach to the community. This week, Stephanie will be facilitating a new group. Together with Marilyn Leavitt, her co-facilitator, she will lead a group for women who are married or have recently been married to men and are coming out later in life. Stephanie says a similar group in Chicago helped so much in her own struggle years ago and now she’s happy to be given the opportunity to pay it forward.

Background: Stephanie grew up in the Midwest and has lived in Kentucky, North Carolina and Louisiana. She lived in the Chicago area for twelve years, but moved to the bay area in 2006 and now lives in Oakland with her partner, Victoria, two cats and a rowdy Chihuahua. Her son Alex lives in San Francisco. In her free time, she enjoys reading, keeping fit and hiking all the gorgeous trails the bay has to offer. She is busy these days planning a trip to Argentina.

Three words that describe Stephanie: Cool, Calm, & Confident



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