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## **Welcome to The Volunteer Centers of Santa Cruz County**

### **Whats New!**

#### **"Be the Difference" Award Recipients Honored**

The stories of volunteers are powerful, inspirational and central to the health of our community. The Volunteer Center, along with our partners Good Times Weekly and Santa Cruz County Bank, were pleased to highlight the incredible and inspiring work of our 2007 "Be the Difference" award recipients and nominees. \_\_\_Volunteers from across Santa Cruz County were honored on November 8th, 2007 at the Volunteer Center 40th Anniversary Luncheon held at Chaminade Resort.

Individual nominees were chosen for their unpaid volunteer abilities to make Santa Cruz a better place and inspire others. Group Nominees were selected for effectively engaging volunteers in meaningful service and promoting the power of volunteerism. Finally, business nominees were chosen for their willingness to encourage volunteerism amongst employees. \_

**Amy Pine**\_\_For more than 20 years, Amy Pine has poured her heart, soul, time and resources into creating and sustaining the Survivors Healing Center (SHC), one of a few agencies in the world dedicated to helping survivors of childhood sexual abuse (CSA). As co-founder of the organization, Amy has dedicated thousands of volunteer hours to create a safe, compassionate space where survivors can access the understanding, services and support they need to heal. After serving many years on the Board, she still makes herself available to current staff and Board as needed. She volunteers clinical services; does outreach and education presentations; works on the Annual Art of Healing event; has written a training manual for service providers and therapists and helps with grant writing and fundraising. \_\_\_"Amy has created a safe space for youth at risk and Latinas to speak about anything that troubles their minds and their hearts" notes Maria Rodriguez-Castillo, the Director of the Center who believes Amy is a hero. "I am happy to nominate Amy Pine for her many years of labor, passion and love she has given to the Center, survivors of childhood sexual abuse, our children and youth in our community".\_\_

Nominated by Maria Rodriguez-Castillo of the Survivors Healing Center