



Volunteer Spotlight- Christine Marcucci  
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As she marks her one-year anniversary, Christine Marcucci remembers the conditions that brought her to STANDUP FOR KIDS back in 2008. Given the grim state of the economy and job markets, Christine was having some trouble with her job search. However, she saw this as the perfect time to finally get involved with a charitable organization, something that she had always been interested in doing, but had never had the opportunity to do so.

“I was looking for employment, with no luck. I always wanted to ‘get involved’ in a non-profit and felt since the job market wasn’t too promising, here was my chance,” said Marcucci.

Soon after the phone call was made to Justine Madison, Co-Executive Director at STANDUP FOR KIDS, Christine had her first task cut out for her—getting a Resource Guide together for North and South Orange County. The efforts and contributions that she made to the Resource Guide led to the formation of the Community Resources Development Team, Christine being the very first member of a team now vital to the organization’s operations. With the help of other volunteers, the Resource Guide was soon printed and completed.

“All of the volunteers at STANDUP FOR KIDS are hard working and have given a lot to this organization. It is an exciting time for us with all of the potential that we have to make a difference with these kids and the momentum that we have gained from the recent Gala,” remarked Marcucci.

Whether Christine is helping to launch a large-scale project and hand off to other team members, or assisting Justine Madison directly with day-to-day tasks, Christine is always dedicated and hard working, willing to lend a hand in any way that she can. Christine was an instrumental part of the “Empower Our Future” gala, helping to obtain significant financial support via her fundraising efforts and obtaining multiple items for the silent auction.

In addition to her volunteer work, Christine works full-time and is a mother of two children. She also hopes to soon obtain a vocational nursing degree. When she does have free time for herself, she likes to read, walk her dog and travel.

“We enjoy working with Christine and appreciate all the ways in which she has contributed to the organization,” said Justine Madison, Co-Executive Director at STANDUP FOR KIDS. “We consider her one of our most reliable and consistent volunteers.”