

DECEMBER 2008: Kelly Ward, Volunteer Coordinator

Judging from the nominations she received, **Kelly Ward** is not only Solid Ground's December Employee of the Month, she's also a rock star! Kelly has done so much more than her regular Volunteer Coordinator job, and especially so this last month. When there was a possibility of losing the Adopt-a-Family program, Kelly sprang into action. She came up with a way to "let parents be parents" by collecting gift cards to distribute to families. Kelly reorganized and streamlined the entire process, used no extra space, AND exceeded the program's ambitious goals. Gift cards were delivered to more than 150 families, and the total donation goal was exceeded by more than \$4,000!



Kelly works closely with all of the programs to meet their volunteer needs, juggles intense coordination of volunteer-heavy events such as the Fremont Fair, actively supports the Anti-Racism Initiative (ARI), and assists staff in finding work study students. Kelly's flexibility, innovation skills, eagerness to accept new responsibilities, and ability to remain gracious under pressure all make her a very valuable part of Solid Ground. Congratulations and thank you, Kelly!