

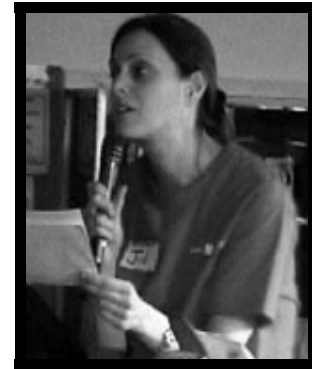
THE DIARY PROJECT

Key Team Members

JUDI SHILS: parent, teen advocate, Emmy Award winning television producer, community organizer, Founder/Director Marin Cancer Project, Founder/Director Celebrate Arts, Marketing Consultant Coastal Cleanup Day Program, creator of many projects focusing on young people which is the greatest privilege in her life.

ERVIC AQUINO – Stormline Media: Ervic designed and re-built our website in 1997 adding all of the technology tht made it interactive. He has housed and maintained the site on a pro bono basis since that time. The site was completely rebuilt last year due to the enormous increase of traffic on the site.

THE TEEN COMMUNITY: The heart and soul of this project is the teen community on the website and especially the teens in Marin County who have worked with me for 7 years building this project and who continue to be my greatest inspiration. They are involved in every aspect of this project from the way the site is monitored, to how the site is used, choosing categories, questions of the week, offering feedback on trends they are seeing on the site and in the lives of their peer groups, helping to devise new means of support, creating g the Diary Deck, designing and implementing Diary Deck Night. This is a project for teens , by teens with their impetus as the lead in development and implementation of all that the Diary Project is and what it will become in the future.



From Founder Judi Shils:

“THE DIARY PROJECT IS AN EXCELLENT PLACE TO COME, IT’S PERFECT WHEN ALL YOU WANT TO DO IS EXPLODE ONTO THE KEYBOARD, GETTING ALL YOUR FEELINGS OUT EXACTLY HOW YOU WANT TO.”

::: excerpted from diaryproject.com

What I treasure most about this project is my time to work with teens in real space, and to hear from teens in virtual space, to be welcomed into their lives, to hear their honest words, to respond when asked and to be asked, to know exactly from where they speak because it wasn’t too long ago when we lived in that same awkward space. What I have gleaned from the privilege of being invited is that we all need to be mentors. Often times, our words fall on deaf ears with our own kids but there is always another teen who can benefit form having an adult in their lives willing to just sit and listen. And through that process we get to a better place. We listen more, react less, and hear things with an open mind.

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