

## VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT – CHRISTINE LUNDGREN

Christine Lundgren is not only a dedicated volunteer as our Sunday afternoon docent - but she is a remarkable sales-woman for the pinnipeds. On every shift, Christine makes a personal goal of how many new memberships and donations she would like to raise, and almost always achieves it! She understands the integral part that funding brings to the organization and works hard each and every Sunday to do her part to see that our Center thrives. Christine's knowledge of the animals and passion for PMMC has a special way of transforming a casual visitor into a lifelong supporter of marine mammals. During our membership drive she recruited 13 new members, 2 of which were at the \$1,000 level.

It is evident that PMMC to her is more than a weekly commitment, but a part of Christine's daily life. She effortlessly brings attention to our Center whether it is at her church, work or a social function. It is not always easy to ask others for support or funds, but Christine is always on the front line for PMMC, soliciting donations or educating the public at rescues and releases. She is especially valuable during the private member tours, where



her passion for the Center shines and she engages her audience. Christine also manages to find time to lend a hand as an active member of our fundraising committee, represent PMMC at various outreach functions, and even donate her photography skills to supply the unique photo cards that sell out in our gift shop.

Above all, Christine's most treasured quality is her compassion for the animals and our organization, and her ability to be a constant grounding force for the Center. During our busy season or when we have a high mortality event, she provides sage advice and words of comfort that help us refocus on the positive. She has a strong shoulder that we lean on and she thinks of others before herself. In times of despair, her words of comfort remind us that there is still hope.

From lending a helping hand on rescues to bringing in new members, Christine's knowledge of the Center and her sincere love for the animals comes shining through. We are grateful and blessed that she is a part of our family. Thank you Christine!

## YOUNG GIRL DONATES BAT MITZVAH FUNDS TO PMMC



Although we are appreciative of every dollar donated to care for our animals, it is especially heart-warming when funds come directly from a child. Ashley Richey recently held her Bat Mitzvah, and instead of asking for gifts, she selflessly asked each of her attendees along with many other members of the community to support PMMC through a membership. For the last weeks, not a single day has gone by that we haven't received a new membership in the mail on behalf of Ashley's efforts. So far because of Ashley, PMMC has seen

over \$3,000 raised and over 50 new members added to our family! But that's not all... Ashley and her brother Grant scoured their house for loose change and ended up finding another \$125 for our marine mammal patients. She also enlisted her Temple Beth El to house a box for people to drop off supplies on our wish list! Ashley's passion for marine life is more than evident in her efforts. We feel fortunate to have someone of a younger generation already caring about our marine mammals, and putting forth such hard work to help make a difference in our patient's lives. Congratulations Ashley for a job well done!



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