

# You Make a Difference



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### Doing work that matters

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Tina Xa is an EOPS Specialist who has worked 25 years in the Coast Community College District, most of it at Coastline Community College. She helps EOPS students obtain an AA degree or transfer to Cal State or UC. She helps needy students get money, clothes, food for their families, and gas for their car. She also helps students get jobs/professions, obtain counseling for single parents, and helps parents find child care. Tina develops workshops on motivation, how to interview for a job, and how to become a better person. She points students to resources like books and outside agencies that can help them with their needs. She shows them the route to higher education, which can be a vehicle for achieving their dreams.

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Tina's main goal is to help students be who they really are. She really enjoys what she's doing, which is why she has been in her position for so long.

Tina's hobbies include shopping and spending time with her family. She also has coy fish and birds. Somehow, she also finds time

to volunteer on the weekend as a reading tutor.

Tina plays an active role in her church and is an integral part of her church's humanitarian efforts to the poor in Vietnam. She is currently working on a project that collects donations to raise money used to dig wells, buy rice, salt and pepper for villagers who live in caves in Vietnam. Her church sends donations and spends time with several hundred villages over a three-month period every year. She personally went to Laos, Cambodia and China in 2001 to dig wells.

Tina is always raising money to help the poor, handicapped, children, seniors, and homeless centers here and in other countries, including China and Mexico. Since her brother owns a catering business, he donates cookies for Tina to sell to her co-workers when they get the munchies – and every dollar goes to a great humanitarian cause! When Tina hears of a need, she is always there to do whatever she can to help.

Tina credits her mother for her "giving" spirit. She taught her to be grateful for the riches she has and to always be willing to share with others who are in need.

