

# KOCH, KARI

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**HOMETOWN** Mont Vernon, New Hampshire

**TSRC** Since 2006. Staff Member

**I KNEW I WANTED TO BE A DOCTOR WHEN** Aged 17

**HER STORY** As a college graduate interested in attending medical school, Kari gravitated toward TSRC while living in Telluride. During the summers of 2006 and 2007, she assisted in facilitating TSRC workshops and Town Talks with style, intelligence, and grace. One slow summer afternoon in 2006, on the spur of the moment, TSRC organizer John Cuppoletti offered to run Kari through a mock interview for medical school, something he does professionally at University of Cincinnati. “It was a lot more challenging than I expected,” Kari said, “and it gave me insight into how I needed to prepare. John also urged me to get experience with diverse urban populations.” Later that TSRC summer, Kari met Scott



**“I think it would be impossible to be involved in TSRC and not become a more developed thinker, not just in science, but as a person of conscience.**



Used by Doctors to Hear a Heartbeat

Tenenbaum, another influential scientist in her career path. Impressed with Kari, Scott offered to help her find a research position in Boston where she hoped to live and gain medical experience. “Amazingly,” Kari wrote, “the doctor he contacted was John Bernardo, State Tuberculosis Controller for Massachusetts and a pulmonary physician at Boston Medical Center specializing in TB research, and he



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had a job available! I fell in love with the work, and am now in medical school planning to continue my work with TB and other infectious diseases.” Kari added, “TSRC was the gateway to the next adventure in my life.”

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