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TIP NATIONAL PROFILE: Elly Harris



Elly Harris was a TIP Volunteer for 10 years before becoming the Crisis Team Manager of the East County Team of the San Diego Affiliate in January 2008. Elly says that she loves TIP and loves her job as Crisis Team Manager. "Working with TIP gives me great satisfaction. I really like the idea of being able to make someone's life better by being with them after a tragedy strikes," she says. Elly's favorite part of being a TIP Crisis Team Manager is that it gives her an opportunity to relate to TIP Volunteers in a personal way. "I really like debriefing TIP Volunteers after TIP Calls and providing them with an opportunity to express themselves about how the call went," she says. Her major frustration as a Crisis Team Manager is when a tragedy occurs in the community and emergency responders don't call for TIP. Elly says that the role in TIP she aspires to is being a TIP National Trainer. She looks forward to sharing her TIP experience with others.

Elly is very proud of her East County Team. There are currently 23 volunteers who respond to an average of 30 calls per month. Her team serves 6 cities and far flung unincorporated areas. Although Elly describes herself as a "simple person," she has a full life outside of TIP. She lives in a rural area on 10 acres with her husband and her cat. She loves scrap booking, baking and watching her husband participate in monster truck races.

According to TIP Founder Wayne Fortin, Elly Harris epitomizes what the TIP organization is all about. "We are very fortunate to have Elly as part of our leadership team," said Fortin. "Elly is experienced, committed and everything you would want a TIP Leader to be," he said.

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