



## **10 Minutes with Two TIP Volunteers**

**(mostly serious questions and a few just for fun)**

Lori Knorr and Nick Grieve are mother and son and both volunteer with TIP San Diego [www.tipsandiego.org](http://www.tipsandiego.org) "We began volunteering about a year ago", says Lori. Nick, who was 15 at the time, was asked to volunteer by a friend at church. "With his enthusiasm to attend the upcoming training, I signed myself up initially just to see what it was all about." "Well, as of the first few minutes of training I was committed." "The depth of each call confirms this choice."

Nick says he chooses to volunteer with TIP because "it is an amazing opportunity to help others along with gaining a lot from our clients."

When asked what their friends say about their volunteering with TIP, Lori say "they are in awe, I suppose. Many don't think they could do it, yet I didn't think I could either." Nick echoes that many of his friends also think they could never do it. "They are intimidated but they are always interested about TIP and how I was able to help."

Nick and Lori are proud to be a part of TIP San Diego and were both happy to answer some additional questions about their experiences with TIP and their life.



**Lori Knorr**

**What are some of your favorite things about volunteering with TIP?**

**Knowing that I can make a difference by just being there for someone during their time of trauma or crisis.**

**Take us behind the scenes. Tell us about an experience you had while volunteering that made you realize you were making a difference.**

**I had one call where a couple was receiving death notification on their 45 year old son (found face down on the beach). Mom was letting out her pain, sharing stories and pictures of their son, while Dad was quite stoic, connected with Mom and I working together, but telling me he was “fine.” As they opened up more and shared that their son was homeless for the past 14 years, and not quite what they had hoped for for his life, I was able to share that their son was actually an active, well-loved and well-respected friend to many in our local homeless community. We have “Fill-A-Belly,” here, where the community comes together with our homeless friends each Tuesday evening at the local park and shares a meal and friendship (potluck). My son and I have been part of Fill-A-Belly for many years, and are very connected. I texted the founders of Fill-A-Belly while sitting with his parents, and confirmed that this was exactly who we thought (unfortunately). What happened next was what I refer to as a beautiful**



**Nick Grieve**

**What are some of your favorite things about volunteering with TIP?**

**The feedback after a call, when you leave a call and feel like you haven’t done anything, but the clients write a letter to TIP thanking them for what we did, just the reward that comes from every tip call.**

**Describe any TIP leadership roles you have or had. What made that role challenging? What do you like about serving in a leadership role?**

**Being a teen, I am one of 4 TIP volunteer teens and being the only male teen volunteer I am used on certain calls that adults or girl teen volunteers might not be as effective. I respond to calls that have something to do with children and or teenagers. I love helping people, no matter the age, so just being in this role lets me help people my age and it is so humbling because it really opens up my eyes to what if this were me.**

**Take us behind the scenes. Tell us about an experience you had while volunteering that made you realize you were making a difference.**

**I responded to a call where a 7 year old boy found his father after he had shot himself in the head. After playing on the ground with him and briefly discussing himself he started to open**

tapestry unfolding. His parents became connected with Fill-A-Belly, and continued to be blessed by people who knew their son, right down to a chance meeting of the woman who was the last to be with their son and who attempted CPR on him. There was no coincidence that I was the one called to this family that day.

What do you do when you are not volunteering?

I am a mother, wife and self-employed bookkeeper. I am also an active volunteer with my church and other non-profit organizations.

If you won the lottery, what is one thing you would do for sure?

Ha – I would secretly gather several of my loved ones' bank account numbers and deposit lots into their accounts.

What is your least favorite chore around the house?

Toilets. Don't do them. I'd eat bread and water if I had to go without my dear housekeeper.

What do you value most in life?

God. Family.

What do you think is the best thing since sliced bread?

Post-It notes

Okay Lori, one last question ~ Do you have a quote that is a favorite of yours? What is it?

Yep – It is what it is

Thanks Lori, we enjoyed our 10 minutes with you and appreciate that you chose to volunteer with TIP.

up and tell me what he and his father used to like to do, some memories they had. Being able to share with the family that he opened up to me and talked about his dad was good for the family to hear because they didn't want this boy to just remember his father there on the ground lifeless, but instead the memories they shared when they were laughing and playing.

What do you do when you are not volunteering?

When I am not volunteering I am either at school or at work. I like to spend time with my friends, surf, and play music.

If you had to move to a state or country besides the one you currently live in, where would you move and why?

I have always wanted to move to Spain. I know some of my family comes from Spain, but after learning Spanish in school and from my many trips to Mexico, I feel like I speak it well enough to get by

What era would you go to if you had a time machine?

I would love to travel back to the early 50's. When the diners were open and the juke box was turned all the way up. The car scene was just being established and people greased their hair. I would really enjoy that era, I loved all the music and I think the atmosphere was just always trying to be happy, I love it.

Nick, one more question ` Is there something most people don't know about you?

Yes, when I was 7 years old I was bit by a monkey at a living nativity scene at a local church.

Thanks Nick, we enjoyed our 10 minutes with you and appreciate that you volunteer with TIP.