10 Minutes with a TIP Volunteer

(mostly serious questions and a few just for fun)

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Volunteer: Yolanda Akers (4th from left) with fellow TIP volunteers

Affiliate: TIP of Foothill Mountains of the Sierra's, Inc.

Years volunteering with TIP: 20 years

Yolanda, why do you choose to volunteer with TIP?

"TIP is so much a part of my life, I can't imagine not being a TIP volunteer."
What are some of your favorite things about volunteering with TIP?

"Working with the other volunteers and helping citizens in my community."

What do your family and friends say about your volunteering?

"My husband is also involved with TIP. He is a member of the TIP Board of Directors and is an emergency responder. My mom is also a TIP volunteer."

Can you tell us about leadership roles you have/had in TIP?

"I brought TIP to our community. I was the Crisis Team Manager and am now the Executive Director of TIP of Foothill Mountains of the Sierra's. I was also the Executive Director of TIP of Fresno County at one point."

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

"Because I live in such a small community, I often run into people I assisted during a call.

Okay Yolanda, lets do some quick fire questions....

Why do you like living in the town you live in?

"I like that it is a small town and a country community. I like neighbors helping neighbors."

If you were to start your own company, what would it be?

"Coordinating Fundraisers"

What do you value most in people?

"Honesty"

What is your favorite sound? Favorite smell?

"Rain and Rain."

Do you have a hobby? What is it?

"Gardening and Canning"

What is your favorite chore around the house?

"Cooking."

What is your earliest childhood memory?

"Having Chicken Pox when I was 4 years old."

Thanks Yolanda, we enjoyed our 10 minutes with you. Keep up the good work and thanks for being a TIP volunteer and director.