



TRAUMA INTERVENTION PROGRAMS OF ORANGE COUNTY



Winter 2010

I am pleased to announce that 2010 marks TIP of Orange County’s 15th Anniversary! We began as a small program with 15 volunteers serving the cities of San Juan Capistrano and Mission Viejo. Today, we have 90 volunteers serving 20 cities, the County and 15 hospitals. Over the years, our Volunteers have donated countless hours assisting traumatized Orange County residents (see statistics below).

But beyond the numbers, I believe our single most important achievement in 15 years is that we have become an integral part of the emergency response system. It takes time to win the confidence of law enforcement, fire and hospital personnel. And because of the reliability and professionalism of our volunteers we have done so.

Recently, a TIP volunteer asked me what I thought was the single most important factor in TIP’s success in Orange County. I didn’t hesitate and gave a one word answer — people. I have been amazed at the impact a small group of people (TIP volunteers) can have on a community. I saw in Orange County what noted anthropologist Margaret Mead observed in studying cultures around the world: “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed this is the only thing that ever has.”

I have also seen over the last 15 years what difference individuals can make in the development of an organization. It seems that whenever we faced a crisis, needed help with funding or wanted to expand into another city, someone stepped up and made it happen. I call these individuals, TIP Champions. We would not have survived over the years without them.

Our journey has not been without the challenges every organization encounters, and we have a lot still to accomplish in the coming years. But for now, I think we can pause and wish ourselves a very Happy 15-year Anniversary!

All the best,

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STATISTICAL DATA

Table with 3 columns: Metric, 2009, 15 years. Rows include # of clients served, # of client services provided, # of ready alert hours provided by TIP volunteers, # of active TIP volunteers, and Average response time.

HEROES WITH HEART DINNER

The 2009 Heroes with Heart Dinner was a huge success. Over 300 elected officials, emergency responders and TIP Volunteers attended the gala event to honor public safety and health care personnel. Because of the generosity of those in attendance, the event exceeded TIP's fundraising goals. Sponsors of the Dinner, including the generous presenting sponsor – **Ancor Sunclipse NA** -- are posted at www.TIPOrangeCounty.org/tipsponsors.htm.

Mark your calendars for the 2010 Dinner which will held on Friday, October 22, 2010. Location to be announced.

QUOTABLE

"The TIP volunteer was my angel in my most traumatic experience of my life. She became my voice, my comfort and my support. She stood by my side the entire time and gathered the information I needed. I am so grateful to her, the organization and God for sending her to me that night. Thank you!" TIP Client

TIP RESERVES

TIP has launched a new program — the TIP Reserve Program. This is a way for those who want to volunteer for TIP, but who cannot volunteer to respond to crisis events. If you are interested in volunteering as a TIP Reserve, email a request for more information to TIPIncCEO@aol.com.

HOW TO USE TIP

Are you an Emergency Responder or a Hospital employee who wants to know more about how and when to call for a TIP Volunteer? If so, email TIPIncCEO@aol.com and ask for the [How To Use the Trauma Intervention Program](#) document.

TIP Thanks "ADOPT a VOLUNTEER" Donors!

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Emotional First Aid Training in the Workplace is available.

For more information, contact Wayne Fortin at TIPIncCEO@aol.com or by phone at **714.314.0744**

For information about Trauma Intervention Programs, Inc. of Orange County, please visit: www.TIPOrangeCounty.org

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NATIONAL NEWS

- 2010 marks the 25th Anniversary of the establishment of the first TIP Chapter in San Diego.
- On November 15, 2009 TIP of Northern Nevada began serving Washoe County (Reno area), Nevada.
- In 2009, TIP National received the prestigious Paul H. Chapman Award for organizational excellence along with \$10,000.

SCHOOL INTERVENTION

TIP staff has begun offering TIP services to local school districts. TIP volunteers are now being called to assist school personnel and students when tragedy occurs in the schools. Most recently, TIP volunteers were called to assist elementary school students after the death of a student.

ADOPT A TIP VOLUNTEER

Recently, TIP has launched the Adopt a Volunteer Campaign. In 2009, 54 generous donors adopted a TIP volunteer. For a \$100 donation, contributors can assist TIP in training and equipping a TIP volunteer for one year.

To adopt a TIP Volunteer go to
www.TIPOrangeCounty.org/adopt.htm

BECOME A TIP VOLUNTEER

TIP conducts annual Training Academies every February and August for Orange County residents interested in becoming TIP Volunteers.

Visit and sign up now www.TIPOrangeCounty.org/JoinUs.htm