

# IDAHO METH PROJECT

## NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER 2008

### Successful Event Spreads "Not Even Once" Message to the Hispanic Community



Amidst a fiesta-like atmosphere that included dancers from the Ballet Folklorico and several Spanish-language bands, nearly 4,000 members of the Hispanic community participated in a Meth education and public awareness event sponsored by the Idaho Meth Project and Bustos Media.

Multi-generational families spent the entire afternoon at Lakeview Park in Nampa enjoying entertainment and Mexican food vendors, while at the same time thoughtfully listening to the Spanish language anti-Meth messages interspersed throughout the event. Over a dozen volunteers from the Idaho Meth Project talked with kids and parents about the risks of Meth use, and several Spanish-speaking

### Planning for Year End Charitable Contributions? Remember the Idaho Meth Project



As fall approaches, many families and corporations begin adopting budgets for the next fiscal year and also consider charitable contributions prior to the end of the tax year. As you and the organizations that you are involved with go through this process in the coming months, please remember the Idaho Meth Project.

**The Idaho Meth Project is a 501(c)(3) organization, contributions to which are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.**

The project is entirely funded through the generous contributions of individuals, corporations, foundations, tribal governments, and a variety of grants - **we are not a government program!**

While contributions have been generous through the first part of 2008, **we need to raise approximately \$2.4 million on an annual basis** in order to sustain the project's prevention and public awareness efforts on a statewide basis.

Donations are accepted online at

volunteers shared their personal stories of Meth use.

While Meth use is certainly not a Hispanic only problem, the Hispanic community is definitely impacted by the scourge of Meth in Idaho and this event was a wonderful way to ensure the Hispanic community in the Treasure Valley was exposed to information on how to talk with their teens and young adults about the dangers of Meth use.

Special thanks to Clinton Fitch from Bustos Media for all of his support in organizing this event!



## Givin' Meth the Boot Event Features Rising Country Star Lady Antebellum



Don't miss out on a great opportunity to get involved with an upcoming event to benefit the Idaho Meth Project. "Givin' Meth the Boot" event will be held on **Monday, October 27, at the Colonial Theater in Idaho Falls.**

[www.idahomethproject.org/Take\\_Action/index.php](http://www.idahomethproject.org/Take_Action/index.php) or contact IMP Fund Development Manager Mandy Macomb at (208) 631-8367 or [mmacomb@idahomethproject.org](mailto:mmacomb@idahomethproject.org)

### Thank You to Our Major Sponsors



The event will feature a performance from one of modern country's rising stars, Lady Antebellum.

**Tickets are available for \$25** and can be purchased by phone at (208) 522-0471, or by visiting the Idaho Falls Arts Council Ticket Office (490 A Street, Idaho Falls). Tickets are limited for this unique event, so be sure to get yours soon!

All proceeds will benefit the Idaho Meth Project.

## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Tracy Conklin



Tracy Conklin from Meridian, Idaho is our volunteer of the month. Tracy has gone above and beyond in her support of the Idaho Meth Project. Tracy works in the real estate field and educates her colleagues about the dangers of Meth. She is very supportive of recovery efforts and has represented the Idaho Meth Project at recovery-focused events.

Tracy has also volunteered at booths, secured a location for the District Four training sessions, and recruited multiple volunteers. Recently, Tracy spent countless hours, taking time off from work to drive and personally meet with each of the nine local high schools advocating for assemblies, booth opportunities, and putting up posters. The Idaho Meth Project is very lucky to have Tracy involved and we would like to thank her for her devoted service to the "Not Even Once" message!

## Real Stories

Age: 17  
Gender: Female  
Location: Idaho Falls



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I started using meth at the age 13. I never got to experience a childhood-I was 4 years old and I was a mom to my 2 year old sisters. I had to do what I could to get by. My parents were never home. They were out getting high and when they were home they were sleeping. I was taken away from my parents and I had to live with my grandma. My dad went to prison I just was going through a lot I started doing it-I loved the high. I loved doing it and it was my life. I loved crystal meth. I slept around for it, I would steal for it I would do anything for it. I was addicted to it for 9 months doing it every day. it really didn't change who I was until about 2 months after I started doing it and it was like if I couldn't have it when I woke up or when I wanted it I would start freaking out on my mom and whoever was around me. It took over my life. I went and got help when I knew that it was either life or death. I was so addicted I would burn myself for fun and I would pick at my skin until it was raw-I never ate. I weighed 65 pounds it is so horrible. Today I am clean and sober for almost 2 years and I still have a problem thinking about doing it and tasting it. I always can taste it and it is horrible I hate it. It tears your family apart makes you a totally different person so if you can, go get help please do before it is too late.

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