

IDAHO METH PROJECT

NEWSLETTER

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Idaho Falls Free Family Forum Draws 1,100 Attendees



On October 13th, the Idaho Meth Project in partnership with Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center and Mountain View Hospital hosted the 2nd annual Free Family Forum for Parents, "Tweens and Teens at the Colonial Theatre in downtown Idaho Falls. The Forum featured two dynamic speakers: Brian Underwood, Warden at the Pocatello Women's Correctional Center and Tesja Erickson, former Meth user and Idaho Meth Project volunteer.

Over 1,100 teens and families attended the presentation, filling the venue to capacity. Following the two main speakers, Idaho Falls Mayor Jared Fuhrman moderated a panel discussion of local experts to answer questions from the audience. This Forum was an excellent opportunity for teens and parents to learn more about the addictive nature of Meth and understand why the "Not Even Once" message is so critically important to our families and communities.

Special thanks to EIRMC, Mountain View Hospital, Mayor

"Drive Out Meth" Golf Tournament Raises \$60,000 for the Idaho Meth Project

On Saturday, October 17th, the Idaho Meth Project presented the "Drive Out Meth" golf tournament fundraiser at the Idaho Falls Country Club in Idaho Falls.

Governor C.L. "Butch" and First Lady Lori Otter, along with U.S. Congressman Mike and Kathy Simpson participated in the event along with 16 golf teams and other corporate sponsors. "Drive Out Meth," which was organized by Kathy Simpson, was successful in raising \$60,000 to support the Idaho Meth Project.

Participants enjoyed a beautiful day on the golf course. During the tournament, teens from the Idaho Falls Mayor's Youth Advisory Council coordinated an educational game among tournament participants to test their knowledge about the dangers of Meth use.

Special thanks to the "Drive Out Meth" Major Sponsor - Mountain View Hospital. Other sponsors included Premier Technology, Simplot, Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center, and Melaleuca.

Thank You to Our Major Sponsors

Fuhriman, Brian Underwood, Tesja Erickson, Dr. Ty Erickson, the Idaho Falls Mayor's Youth Advisory Council, Stacie Campbell, and many others for making this educational event such a tremendous success!

Idaho Meth Project Organizes 2nd Annual Meth Education Event for the Hispanic Community



The Idaho Meth Project and Hispanic radio group Bustos Media, hosted the 2nd Annual Meth Education Event for the local Hispanic Community on September 13th at Lakeview Park in Nampa.

This outreach and education program featured performances by popular bands, local dance performers, contests, informational booths and food. In between performances, local Hispanic teens and Spanish-speaking volunteers with the Idaho Meth Project shared their personal experiences with Meth use. Boise volunteer Miguel Mouw, alongside his mother, spoke about the devastation this drug caused in his life. Miguel is now a drug and alcohol counselor and speaks to students throughout the Treasure Valley as an Idaho Meth Project volunteer.

Nearly 3,000 people from the Hispanic community attended this Spanish-launauge event.

**Volunteers of the Month
Steve Warren and Aaron Newman**





This month, we just couldn't decide on one volunteer, so we've named both Steve Warren and Aaron Newman as joint volunteers of the month for October. Both Steve and Aaron have helped with nearly every District 4 event in the past couple of months - picking up booth supplies, setting up and taking down booths, and working alone at times - all in an effort to spread the "Not Even Once" message.

Steve, a veteran volunteer and Aaron, a new volunteer since the summer, have consistently supported our grass-roots efforts and have made a huge impact in their communities. From speaking to teens to simply handing out information, these two are a major force in District 4. Thank you Steve and Aaron for all that you do for the Idaho Meth Project!

Upcoming Community Outreach Events

Throughout the fall, the Idaho Meth Project will be involved in a variety of community events and presentations to educate young people and parents about the realities of Meth use. Following is a list of several of the upcoming events where Idaho Meth Project volunteers will have a presence. Please let us know if you have additional ideas on activities the Project should be involved in - we are constantly seeking ideas for outreach opportunities and welcome your input!

- **October 29** - Presentations at Culdesac & Highland Schools (Culdesac and Craigmont)
- **October 31** - Safe and Happy Kids Event (Memorial Park, Caldwell)
- **November 5** - Red Ribbon Week Booth (Frank Church High School, Boise)
- **November 5-6** - Community Resource & Career Fair (Idaho Center, Nampa)
- **November 17** - All Grade Assembly at Glens Ferry High School (Glens Ferry)
- **November 18** - Health Fair (Willow Creek Building, Idaho Falls)
- **November 18** - Boise State REACH Health Fair (BSU Student Union Building, Boise)
- **November 20-21** - Red River POW WOW Winter



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Real Stories From Idahoans

Age: 21
Gender: Female
Location: Boise

I will never forget the day my "friend" pulled out a meth pipe and started smoking behind the school. I remember asking her if it was crack and she just laughed and said that "this stuff, meth. This is way better!" So I tried it and that was it. That one hit began my new life as a drug addict. I didn't care anymore about anything, all I wanted to do was get high. I stole my parent's money and broke into houses. I have been arrested multiple times and I have a baby boy. Using has made it so hard to function properly, nothing matters anymore. It killed my future.

To read other real stories visit:

http://www.idahomethproject.org/Meth_Info/real_stories.php



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