



# VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH

Jason Davie - District 6 - Pocatello



Congratulations to Jason Davie from District 6! Jason has played an integral role in getting our volunteer efforts off the ground in Pocatello. He assists with monthly volunteer meetings, spends countless hours at booth events and works hard to help build the volunteer program in District 6.

Most recently, Jason spent "Black Friday" at the Pine Ridge Mall manning a booth amongst the crowd of holiday shoppers.

This month at the District 6 Volunteer Appreciation/Holiday Party, Jason received the Volunteer of the Year Award for his district. Way to go Jason!

## VOLUNTEER MEETINGS

Depending on the district in which you live, volunteer meetings serve a variety of purposes. They are meant to train new volunteers on the template PowerPoint, discuss Idaho Meth Project policies and disseminate important information about current activities in each district and across the state. Ideally, these meetings should occur bi-monthly or monthly. Contact your local District Volunteer Chair for more information on meetings in your area.

## DISTRICT 4 VOLUNTEER CHAIR

In order to focus on family and job obligations, Sarah Christiansen recently stepped down as D4 Chair. We are incredibly grateful for the strong leadership she provided throughout the summer and fall and are happy to report that she will remain a volunteer. Sarah will continue to run regular orientations as the University of Phoenix which will be a huge contribution!

Not missing a beat, long-time volunteer and October Volunteer of the Month, Steve Warren, has taken Sarah's place and has already coordinated many volunteer presentations in the Boise and Meridian schools districts.

Starting in January, Steve will hold bi-monthly meetings at the District 4 Probation and Parole office. For more information on these meetings, please contact Steve at [d4volunteerchair@idahomethproject.org](mailto:d4volunteerchair@idahomethproject.org).

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## FACT OR FICTION?

*The Idaho Meth Project is part of the substance abuse treatment field and offers treatment referrals.*

### FICTION!

Despite our name, the Idaho Meth Project is a targeted prevention and public awareness campaign that aims to prevent first-time Meth use among teens and young adults.

Although our particular focus is entirely on prevention, we applaud and support the efforts of Idaho treatment providers in helping addicts become Meth-free.

If you or someone you know needs more information about treatment for methamphetamine abuse, visit our website and click on Get Help.

To find a treatment facility near you and to determine if you may be eligible for state assistance, please call:

- 2-1-1 Idaho Care Line (dialing 2-1-1 is free and confidential)

OR

- 1-800-922-3406 for a screening and referral to an approved treatment facility from the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare.

# DISTRICT BY DISTRICT

Welcome to a new section of our Volunteer Newsletter, dedicated to providing updates, information and special recognition in each district. Read on to learn about the amazing outreach efforts our volunteers are accomplishing across the state of Idaho.

## DISTRICT 1

Co-Chairs **Amy Bartoo, Alyse Juliano and Robin Jacobson** are dividing and conquering in North Idaho. Together they are helping coordinate volunteer support at events taking place in January, including the Coeur d'Alene Free Family Forum on January 20th. Amy presented at both Praire Christian School and Coeur d'Alene High School this month.

## DISTRICT 3

On December 5th, District Volunteer Chair **Lisa Burns** and her husband **Shawn Burns** coordinated an Idaho Meth Project booth in the Treasure Valley Night Light Parade in Caldwell. Volunteers donated lights and candy, and many participated by decorating the float and walking in the parade. Volunteer **Lucille Jarden** was especially helpful with coordinating some of the details, including securing a trailer and generator from Richard's Tractor Service. **Richard Dickinson** (owner) also paid for the \$50 entry fee. Big thanks to Lisa, Shawn, Lucille, Richard, and the other volunteers who made this event possible.

## DISTRICT 4

Thank you to the volunteers who presented to health classes at Timberline High School on Dec. 14th: **R.C. Herrera, Steve Warren, Malori Peters, Melinda Harris and Cortney Neilsen**. The feedback we've received was incredibly positive and we are honored to have such passionate and experienced presenters representing the Idaho Meth Project.



University of Phoenix, Meridian

Also, special thanks to **Mendi Murphy**, Corporate Education Liaison at University of Phoenix in Meridian. Mendi has been a tremendous contributor by donating the use of a regular meeting room for volunteer orientations. She stays late, sets up the room, directs volunteers and locks up afterwards. In addition, she has provided many volunteers with information about going back to school. Thank you University of Phoenix and Mendi Murphy!



Gene Haynes at Oakley High School - District 5

## DISTRICT 5

District Volunteer Chair **John Naing** coordinated presentations at two schools - Robert Stuart Middle and Oakley High. Thank you to John and the volunteers who assisted and/or courageously shared their stories - **Gene Haynes, Dakota Haynes, Rey Shmall, Dawn Rollins, and Brent Golay**.



Sandra Norgaard at Pine Ridge Mall - District 6

## DISTRICT 6

With the help of Interim Chair **Joe Lew** and a small group of dedicated regulars, the volunteer program in District 6 is steadily growing. Thanks to **Jason Davie and Sandra Norgaard** who spent "Black Friday" at the Pine Ridge Mall in Pocatello. Volunteers will have a booth at the American Falls Health Fair on Jan. 16th and will also assist with the Pocatello Free Family Forum on Feb. 4th.

# MEET YOUR IMP STAFF



Megan Ronk has served as Executive Director of the Idaho Meth Project since the project's inception. Prior to working with the Idaho Meth Project, Megan spent over five years as a Policy Advisor to former Idaho Governor, Dirk Kempthorne. Megan has a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Glendale, Arizona, and a BA in Business Administration from the College of Idaho in Caldwell. She is heavily involved in the community and serves as Board President of Dress for Success Boise Valley, Secretary of the College of Idaho National Alumni Board, and as a member of the Idaho Human Rights Commission. In 2008, Megan was honored with the "Accomplished Under 40" award by the Idaho Business Review. Megan and her husband, Jayson, live in Meridian.

**Stay tuned for next's month's spotlight on Fund Development Manager, Mandy Macomb!**