

TIP Profile

10 Minutes with a TIP Volunteer

(mostly serious questions and a few just for fun)

Cameron definitely has an affinity for something besides TIP. See if you can figure out what it is



Volunteer: Cameron Cheal

Affiliate: TIP of Southern Nevada, Inc. www.tipoflasvegas.org

Years volunteering with TIP: 2 "fantastic" years

Cameron, why do you choose to volunteer with TIP?

"I chose to volunteer with TIP after being referred by a friend, and decided to stick with it after getting introduced to the program, learning more about it and seeing the great work that is done in our community."

What are some of your favorite things about volunteering with TIP?

"One of my favorite things about volunteering with TIP is that we are privileged to be invited out to active scenes by our local user agencies, and trusted with the well-being of our clients. The act of being invited into these people's lives at one of their most difficult and emotional moments is a great honor."

What do your family/friends say about your volunteering?

"My family and friends appreciate what I'm doing as a volunteer, and they are very supportive. They also say that I'm a bit crazy."

Can you describe any leadership roles you have or have had with TIP?

"While volunteering with TIP, I've participated as a veteran volunteer on calls as well as during our academy. I've also been volunteering as a dispatcher for the last year and a half, and thoroughly enjoy it!"

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

"Earlier this year I responded to a hospital where a twin had died, survived by her sister. The parents would not let that surviving baby out of their sight for a moment, not even with the hospital staff. They had a chance to say goodbye to their deceased child before the mortuary took her body, and they trusted me to hold their child in their absence. That's when I knew that I was trusted, and making a difference in their difficult situation."

What do you do when you are not volunteering?

"While not volunteering, I will be found at work for Bank of America, home with my wife preparing for our first child, or maybe even sleeping (it's rare). All of these activities will also involve food in some way, shape, or form."

What would be the most enjoyable way to spend \$25?

" I would take that \$25 and purchase the most magnificent sandwich possible."

If you could have lunch with one person (dead or alive) who would you choose to have lunch with?

"If I was able to have lunch with one person, it would have to be John Montagu, the 4th Earl of Sandwich. Coincidentally, he is thought to be the inventor of the sandwich."

If you could be invisible for one hour, what would you want to do?

"If I were invisible for one hour, I would have to break in to a vault of cold cuts, cheese, and bread... with a few other choice condiments. I would then make a sandwich to have for lunch."

If you could have 50 pounds of anything besides money, what would you want?

"Do you really need to ask? I'll take my 50 pounds in sandwiches, please."

Cameron, what do you think is the best thing since sliced bread?

"The idea of placing salami and cheese in between said sliced bread."

Thanks CAMERON, we enjoyed our 10 minutes with you. Keep up the good work and thanks for being a TIP volunteer. Now, go get yourself a sandwich.