

# TIP Profile

## 10 Minutes with a TIP Volunteer

(mostly serious questions and a few just for fun)



**Volunteer:** Carolina Coronado

**Affiliate:** TIP of Yuba/Sutter/Butte Counties, Inc.

**Years volunteering with TIP:** 3 years

Carolina, why do you choose to volunteer with TIP?

"Since I was about twelve, I tried to start getting involved into some kind of civic services... And when I was 16, I was still searching for a great program to become a part of to fully fulfill my wishes in making a difference in my community. Luckily I found an ad for the TIP training academy through a school bulletin. I know today that is was the best decision I have made in my steps to reaching my goals as a person. Not only have I been able to be there for someone in a time of crisis, but I have also learned a lot and I have the privilege of learning something from every new experience."

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

"One of my favorite things about TIP is the amazing and loving people I get to meet, seeing the amazing work done by the emergency responders, and the connection I make with the families I am on call with."

What do your family/friends say about your volunteering?

"When I asked my parents this question they replied telling me that they were a bit nervous to see that their youngest daughter was going to be exposed to so much trauma that it might have negative effects on me, or wear me down, but that they didn't realize how strong and mature I'd turn out to be and grow so much as a person from the experiences. Though they were a bit weary about me joining TIP, they never failed to have their full support, so I think that's why I felt more confident to try it out."

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

"I would say that one leadership role I have in TIP is being able to be a Spanish translator on calls. One specific call that made me realize the responsibility I now had was around age 17. It was my first time being called out to translate on a call for parents of a child that had been ran over by a car. I connected so well with the family, it was a bit intimidating still being a "TIP Teen" and feeling that responsibility of a call like that, but it helped me so much by allowing myself to grasp the fact that I would take on more calls like that, and it helped me a lot into

**transitioning into an Adult TIP member."**

**What do you do when you are not volunteering?**

**"When I'm not volunteering I keep myself very occupied. My family and I own a small restaurant so I am always working there...I even keep an extra change of my TIP clothes there in case I get called out as a back up or to translate! And when I'm not at work, I very much enjoy my time watching movies, going dancing, swimming, or just spending time with my sisters."**

**What is something most people don't know about you?**

**"That I secretly wish I owned an orchard full of lime trees, so I could make lime drinks all day and eat lime with everything! I love sour things!"**

**What do you value most in life?**

**"My parents most definitely, all their love that they have given me."**

**What do you think is the secret to a good life?**

**"Faith, Love, Humility, Kindness, and a Good Work Ethic are your greatest tools in making a happy life!"**

**Carolina, what are you most proud of in your life?**

**"My family. God has blessed me with the most wonderful, hard working and loving parents I could ask for. And He has given me the best role models and best friends as my siblings. I love my family, and I am so proud of each and every one of them."**

**Thanks Carolina, we enjoyed our 10 minutes with you. Keep up the good work and thanks for being a TIP volunteer.**