

# TIP Profile



Volunteer: Leslie Marshall

**Affiliate:** TIP of Northern Nevada, Inc. [www.tipnnv.org](http://www.tipnnv.org)

**Years volunteering with TIP:** Just over 5 years

Leslie, why do you choose to volunteer with TIP?

Twofold -- first, because I have worked many years as an ER RN and have had to face walking away from families whose loved ones have just died, in order to care for other patients. And second, because I had a niece who was killed in a car accident and my brother/sister-in-law received death notification from law enforcement at 2am and had to just sit alone in their home waiting for the rest of the family to wake up and answer our phones.

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

Laughing at CE meetings during lessons learned. Knowing that we have made a difference every time we are called out.

What do your family and friends say about your volunteering?

"I could never do that", so then I ask them to donate \$ so our volunteers can do that!

Can you tell us about leadership roles you have/had in TIP?

I sit on TIP's Board and research & write our grant applications.

What makes that role difficult?

Holding my tongue (well, sometimes...). Not understanding how any grantor could turn down our incredible program!

What do you like about serving in a leadership role?

I know I have a hand in keeping our program going and supporting our amazing volunteers.

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

Usually it's enough to know inside myself that I made a difference, but it is so reinforcing to actually receive a client thank you note. I had one from a mother whose 18 month old daughter died suddenly at home -- "I'll always remember you being there for us. Even now you help us by reminding us of the kindness of strangers -- all that is good in the world." You can't help feeling fulfilled after being included in all that is good in the world.

Okay Leslie, lets find out more about you....

Do you have a favorite sound?

Yes, children laughing -- my children, any children, all children!

What about a favorite scent?

Musty lake cottage -- my childhood summers were spent in one and I just purchased another that my great grandfather built.

What would your friends say about you?

I have instructed them that my eulogy should be, "She was hilarious...and she gave out full sized bars (to trick-or-treaters)"

If you could trade places with any other person for a week, famous or not famous, living or dead, real or fictional. with whom would it be?

Majority leader of the house so I could kick some butt without any thoughts of getting re-elected. Give me a year!

What is your earliest memory?

Peeking into my little sister's bassinet and experiencing this immense feeling of love. I was barely three years old.

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

