

# THE VOLUNTEER VOICE

IMMUNIZE NEVADA'S MONTHLY VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

## VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHTS



**Congratulations to our 6 volunteers who had the highest amount of volunteer hours in January 2019!**

Northern Nevada: Jared Tsuchiyama (9.5 hours), Katherine Dun (5 hours), and Kiley Cryer (5 hours)  
Southern Nevada: Bethany Winton (6 hours), Crystal Oden (6 hours), and Eris Williams (5 hours)





# EVENTS FROM JANUARY

## 1/17/19 - Healthy Aging Community Health Fair:

Volunteer Bethany Winton & Immunize Nevada staff member Bobbi Tedesco attended this first time health fair event targeted towards seniors, in Las Vegas, NV. Though they only interacted with 26 people, they were able to network with other vendors and create meaningful connections between Immunize Nevada and other organizations.

## 1/25/19 - NNCCF Radioathon:

Northern Nevada Children's Cancer Foundation hosted a 12-hour Know the Gold Radiothon event at Scheels on January 25th. This event was the finale to NNCCF's Know the Gold Campaign to raise money. Volunteers Sunil Sathappan & Jared Tsuchiyama, and Immunize Nevada staff member America Davis (left 2 pictures) assisted at the event and interacted with 60 people. They were able to educate about the importance of getting vaccinated!

## 1/26/19 Southern Nevada Educator Leadership Symposium:

The Southern Nevada Educator Leadership Symposium was a conference for educators that focused on leadership opportunities available to them. Tatiana Erives & Mayra Gonzalez (right 2 pictures) volunteered at two different shifts during this conference and interacted with 21 people about the resources available for all vaccines to ensure our children are up-to-date.



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## 1/29/19 Project Homeless Connect

Project Homeless Connect is an annual event that brings service providers together to connect individuals and families experiencing homelessness with many necessary services. Volunteer Katherine Holley & Immunize Nevada staff member Emily Ruzzine (top left picture) assisted at the event and interacted with 176 people to ensure they are being vaccinated against vaccine-preventable diseases.

## 1/30/19 UNLV School of Medicine Flu Vaccine Clinic

Upon learning their new skills to vaccinate at last month's Immunization 101 class, UNLV School of Medicine students (bottom picture) administered 20 flu vaccines at the Andre Agassi Boys and Girls Club. This was a great partnership event with Dr. Laura Culley, her students, and Rawson-Neal Psychiatric Hospital who provided the flu vaccines.

## 1/30/19 UNLV Spring 2019 Involvement Fair

Volunteers Eris Williams (top right picture), Crystal Oden, & Kim Tomas attended the UNLV Spring Involvement Fair and interacted with 32 people. They were able to recruit 9 new volunteers for Immunize Nevada, while still educating about the importance of getting vaccinated. We can't wait to welcome our new volunteers!



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# What do you **LOVE** about volunteering?

I love volunteering because I know, somehow, someday, I am making a difference in my community. It just feels good to give back! I am especially excited to be working with Immunize Nevada because they work towards a healthier Nevada which, as a Public Health student, is a big goal of mine.

- Mariah Zinn, Immunize Nevada Intern Northern Nevada



I love to volunteer because it gives me an opportunity to feel like I'm part of a great community! I like the idea of volunteering with Immunize Nevada because I'm passionate about protecting those who are unable to be vaccinated or who are immunocompromised. There is a lot of misinformation out there and I would love to help people understand the importance of immunizations!

- Julie Taylor, Team Launch Southern Nevada



"Making a positive impact at a community level while connecting with diverse communities is what I love about volunteering with Immunize Nevada."

- Bandana Pajja, Team Leadership Southern Nevada



We  our  
**volunteers!**

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the TIME;  
they just have the HEART."

- Elizabeth Andrew





My life abroad taught me that health and wellness was not a product of just individual choices. The places we inhabit, the air we breathe, the people we meet, and what we choose not to do influences our well-being more than we care to acknowledge. Immunize Nevada gave me the opportunity to talk to my community about health issues that affect us all.

I joined Immunize Nevada to gain real public health experience. And what better way of engaging the community than by dressing up as Infecto the Germ! I loved bobbing and swaying in Immunize Nevada's mascot costume during basketball games, community baby showers, and next to our information table. Infecto was a friendly, sky-blue colored, and potato-shaped germ with a soft, velvet feel. There was no better way of educating about the risks of germs than by embodying the primary culprit!

In my mind, there is no limit to our outreach as public health professionals. For three years, I have volunteered at health fairs, health conferences, and even pride parades. Immunize Nevada has provided me with the experience and mentors that will last me a lifetime!

-Sara Gallego, Team Leadership Northern Nevada



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Special shout out to our staff and volunteers who celebrate their birthday in February:

David Perez (IZNV staff): February 18

Wishing you a very happy and fun-filled birthday!



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