

# Home Start Volunteer Spotlight



## Jeff Marschner

### **What do you do professionally when you're not volunteering at Home Start?**

I am a retired lawyer (35 years). I enjoy golf, and my wife and I enjoy our grandson.

### **How did you first hear of Home Start, and what made you want to volunteer here?**

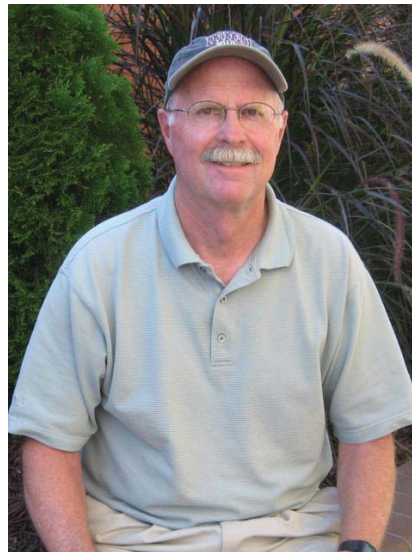
Our community (The Club) was sponsoring Christmas 'baskets' for Home Start families and I learned about its purpose. I decided to volunteer at Home Start as an expression of my Christian faith. I've always enjoyed repairing things at home and for neighbors, so I thought I could share this 'talent' with Home Start.

### **What were your first impressions of Home Start?**

Home Start is a very well run organization with carefully thought out programs and requirements for its clients. It exercises prudent stewardship of its finances, which appeals to my frugal nature.

### **How do you volunteer your time at Home Start?**

After initially offering to fix a few broken doors, I have become the 'fix-it guy.' Minor repairs such as broken locks, broken fans, drippy toilets, broken shower doors and loose hinges have kept me busy. I drop by once or twice a week and check the 'list' of needed repairs that Rhonda puts together.



*Volunteer Fix-It Man Extraordinaire  
Jeff Marschner*

### **Why do you like volunteering at Home Start?**

It is very satisfying to fix something that is broken, but most of all my 'reward' is the appreciation of the residents when I repair something. Their grati-

tude is very genuine. I also feel very appreciated and supported by the Home Start staff.

### **What was your most memorable moment at Home Start?**

At this year's Volunteer Appreciation lunch a young lady who is a Home Start 'graduate' spoke to the attendees about how her family's experience as Home Start clientele was a turning point in her life. It was a "wow" presentation as she talked about her time as a teen at Home Start. This confirmed my views about the value of Home Start as a place where lives can be changed.

### **Is there one thing that you would like everyone to know about Home Start that they might not know?**

Home Start is not just a place where people have a roof over their heads. It offers a real opportunity for individuals and families to re-start their lives with new tools and personal discipline that can make a difference in their future.