

Presenting the 2005 Most Treasured Volunteers



John Bair

Residents at New Life Community arrive homeless and with little or no money. John teaches them a skill that is vital to their survival: He teaches them how to budget—how to account for, and make the best use of, every penny they have—and how to prepare for success when in a better financial condition. At the same time, he helps ensure that the organization has the finances it

needs to serve the community. He even used his own birthday as an occasion to raise funds and awareness of the organization and problems of homelessness. He has been, and continues to be, a gift to each family that has passed through the doors during the last 11 years.



Ellie Mapson

When he retired, Ellie really went to work. He took on the responsibility of getting the West Park Community Coalition's Computer Lab organized, recruited volunteer teachers, raised money to support it, and involved community residents in making it a special place for learning for children, adults, and seniors. Ellie is tireless, and his commitment is unending. He works quietly behind the

scenes, doing whatever it takes to ensure that his neighbors have the opportunity to enhance their lives through the world of computers.



Matthew Goldman

In 2004, the Goldman family's world was shattered when they lost their daughter. The Nature Center had been a focal point for Jenny, and within hours of learning of her loss, Matt called to ask about doing something in her name. Since then, Matt and his family have established a program to expose inner-city children to the wonders of nature through the

Jenny Goldman Memorial Nature Outreach Fund. Already, a naturalist, supported by the fund, has worked intensively with hundreds of underserved students at no cost to their schools. Matt and his family chose to celebrate his daughter's life through their own generosity and volunteerism.



Nature Center
AT SHAKER LAKES



Harold "Jeff" Turner, Jr.

In 1996, Jeff became physically disabled. After nine years of learning anew how to function, Jeff realized, "I have had a wonderful life...special needs children will never have the opportunity to have the life that I was lucky enough to have." He wanted to help them get more out of their lives. For five years, Jeff has been teaching computer skills to people with developmental disabilities at the Beachwood

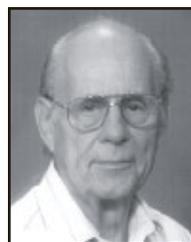
Adult Activities Center. His greatest joy is seeing someone's face light up when they realize they have learned something new. He says, "It really touches your heart."



Marilyn Kuczynski

Marilyn's hands-on volunteerism spans the community and reaches people of all ages, from all economic, racial, and ethnic backgrounds. She not only bakes and cooks for parish programs, but visits the homebound and offers transportation when needed, provides comfort and support to those affected by HIV/AIDS, and works with the sick and elderly at St. Augustine Health Campus, leading resident

activities and supplying personal items they would like to have. She also uses her skills and contacts from former jobs to help fundraise. Marilyn builds community by bringing people together for a common good.



David Westcott

Thousands of people in our community serve on Boards of organizations. While laudable, that, in itself, is not unique. But 79-year-old David takes his service to International Partners in Mission several steps further by playing multiple roles. He is treasurer and a member of the executive's "kitchen cabinet." He also helps process contributions, runs errands, picks up supplies at the store, vacuums floors, and

takes out the trash. He furthers the mission of building justice, peace, and hope in our world with reverence, humility, and appreciation.



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