

Austin Children's Shelter Volunteer Spotlight: Mark Strüb

Mark Strüb began volunteering with Austin Children's Shelter in 2007 and was so inspired that in 2008 he gave every child and youth at ACS a new pair of shoes (hundreds of them!), giving them a confidence boost and extra self-esteem. Since then, Mark's focus has been on creating a fund-raising event to raise money for the Shelter. He has served as the New Wave Ball Chair and as a sponsor for 2010 and 2011, and he doesn't have plans to stop any time soon. His commitment has been an enriching experience for him and he has made an incredible impact on the lives of the clients we serve.



Mark Strüb and his son Jack

Mark's inspiration comes from his son, Jack. Jack is his "perfect reminder of how impressionable and vulnerable the life and mind of a young person is. I believe that children at risk are presented with impossible choices about their own destiny at an age that is premature and unfair. Mistakes, of course, are made. I want to be a part of the support system for these kids and inspire them to 'never give up' because you have never 'gone too far' to get back on track and flourish. I can say this with conviction because I know this truth personally."



We agree with Mark that "to whom much is given, much is required. Search your soul and tally up your talents, gifts and blessings. Now go put them to good use for the life of a child. Volunteering comes in many forms. All you need is willingness; ACS will find your perfect fit."

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Mead

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