

## **MEET OUR VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH**

Don Griffin has been volunteering at The Gabriel Foundation for almost a year, and his contributions during that time have been invaluable! Once a week, every Sunday, he has made the trip to Safeway to pick up the donated vegetables and fruits for the TGF flock. He brings the food into the kitchen, sorts and classifies, then stores it in the walk-in refrigerator. Don slips away as quietly as he comes in.

However...sometimes we haven't let Don leave the premises quite so easily. You see, Don is technically gifted, and we (TGF staff, in particular, Volunteer Coordinator) are technically challenged! There aren't too many technical gadgets at the Aviary; a large-screen television, a dvd player, and a long black cord that attaches to laptops for presentations. That's it! Until Don came, playing a dvd for a public event meant running up the stairs and plugging something into the back of the television to start a video, running down the stairs and then hoping you hit the correct button at the top of the stairs...the first time.

Don quickly saw how the staff was struggling and graciously performed his Techno Magic! With a ladder and drill in hand, he professionally installed a permanent connection from the large screen television to the dvd player in one of the two offices in Building A. In our minds, a miracle had taken place! Don has also on many occasions rescued the Volunteer Coordinator as she has struggled with her Volunteer Power Point presentation on a PC. "Just push here, then twice here, and you're all set!" Don has untwisted many computer knots that she has tied...and *then* quietly slipped out of the building, with her heartfelt gratitude!

The Gabriel Foundation deeply appreciates the talents that Don Griffin brings to the Aviary in Elizabeth as well as his commitment to make that trip every week to the grocery store! Many, many thanks for everything that you do for TGF, Don.