

# *Jeremy Spilsbury*

Mesa High School

## *Volunteer of the Month*

April 2017

Unless you've personally attempted to dig a hole in hard caliche soil, you wouldn't understand how valuable Jeremy's volunteer work was for the Garden of the B's at Mesa High School.

The award-winning Garden of the B's is a one-acre native Sonoran desert garden on campus. It now has close to 500 native plants, with more than half of them directly connected to Jeremy. An experienced arborist and dedicated Mesa High parent, Jeremy didn't hesitate to help when he learned about the garden.

Jeremy dug more than 200 holes over the last two years, enabling the planting of shrubs, cacti and trees with relative ease. This is hard, physical work, and Jeremy did it all with a smile on his face.

Thanks to Jeremy, students, staff and visitors learn about the desert ecosystem in a beautiful outdoor setting. He's given Mesa High a gift the whole community can be proud of.

Jeremy, thank you for your dedication to Mesa High School. We are pleased to honor you as a Mesa Public Schools Volunteer of the Month.

