For the past 5 years Jeff Gregrow has selflessly supported teenage children as a foster parent; teenagers are harder to place in foster care and Jeff takes on this role willingly. He provides social, emotional, and educational development for each of the children he cares for in a comfortable and caring home environment on his family farm.

Jeff’s farm provides opportunities to learn life lessons and develop an appreciation for nature. His own family provides a positive model for children with difficult histories. Jeff also provides each foster child with a rich social and cultural experience. He takes them on trips around central New York: car and farm shows, sporting, and social events.

Jeff works with the child, the social services caseworker, school administrators, teachers, and biological parents as appropriate to prepare the child for reunification with their family of origin. He helps with homework including reading the books they read in school. He responds to school issues and meets with teachers and counselors as this population typically has more issues in school than normal.

He maintains certifications as a foster parent by taking classes and continuing education and provides emergency respite care for kids that need immediate placement and as backup for other foster parents. Jeff maintains strong relationships with the foster children even after they leave his care by taking the time to attend their sporting events and continues to track their well-being and provide guidance. Because of Jeff's efforts, many children have received the care that all children deserve.

Jeff was nominated by Bob Chiang, Erik Eshelman, and Asa Schindler (absent) are pictured above with VP Kyu Jung Whang and Gilbert Delgado.