



SOCIAL WORKERS
ARE ESSENTIAL

JEFF STONE

How long have you been a social worker?

I have been in the social work field since December 1988, when I obtained my Bachelor's Degree.

Please list any degrees, licenses, etc.

Bachelor's degree in social work; Master's degree in Rehabilitation Counseling; Certified Rehabilitation Counselor

Why/How did you get into social work?

Initially, I got into social work to focus on gerontology-- working with the elderly. I had a close relationship with my grandparents who raised my cousins, as my uncle had an intellectual disability due to a birth injury. When it came time to go to college, I was like everyone else and changed my degree focus many times. I was considering a degree in psychology but then was led to an advisor who suggested I get into the social work field, as that would give me more employment opportunities and ultimately less educational demands than having to obtain a PhD in psychology!

What motivates you to do social work?

My faith, and I enjoy what I do!

What advice would you give someone considering social work?

If you are considering a degree in social work, I would recommend obtaining a Master's Degree in Social Work, as that leads to a world of opportunity in the employment field.