Schub's passion is the arts

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usie Schub loves bringing people together, all in the name of the arts. The Morris Township resident is founder and president of Jumpstart, an arts consulting firm that employs the arts to educate, delight and heal children and families in northern New Jersey.

Schub designs and manages educational art programs for about two dozen nonprofit clients, including Family Service of Morris County, Neighborhood House, Homeless Solutions, Plaid House, Head Start, school districts and preschools.

Presenting the programs Schub designs are teaching artists with expertise in woodworking, textile design, ceramics, poetry, African drumming and dance, storytelling, photography and more. Schub has known many for more than 20 years.

"I love making the connection between the teaching artists and clients," Schub said.

Schub started Jumpstart after 10 years with the Children's Cultural Arts Center, which was housed at Montessori Children's House in Morristown.

The mother of two grown sons, who holds a bachelor's degree in child psychology from Brown University and a master's degree in social work from Boston University, realized early on that she "loved working with people facing challenging times,' including children and families at risk.

With Jumpstart, Schub is able to meet with an organization's administration, learn



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Susie Schub of Morris Township is founder and president of Jumpstart, an arts consulting firm that brings educational art programs to a variety of nonprofit organizations in Morris County.

about its clients and their unique challenges, and propose an arts program that fits the group's needs and will stimulate the participants.

"I feel passionate that the creative process enables them to express themselves non-verbally and tap into their innate talents and produce lovely

things that make them feel good about themselves," Schub said.

Her satisfaction with her work comes from being involved in the process of forming partnerships and "watching people click, connect" and feel good about the arts and their talents.

Schub shares her passion for

the arts with her husband, Barry, and their two sons, whom she calls her "greatest works of art."

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