

WINTER 2020 NEWSLETTER

# BRIGHTSTONE

*Helping Adults with Special Needs*



*"My dream for my son Reggie is to forever be with BrightStone... to one day move onto the new property and truly have his own life." - Mellissa Gift*



## LAND OF DREAMS SPECIAL EDITION

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BRIGHTSTONE PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE WORK, SOCIAL SUPPORT, AND FUTURE RESIDENTIAL COMMUNITY FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, EXPANDING THEIR POTENTIAL, AND HELPING THEM DEVELOP MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY, SOCIALLY, EMOTIONALLY, AND SPIRITUALLY.

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**W**hat do you find yourself dreaming of? Christmas presents? A new car? Disney says that “dreams are a wish your heart makes.” A family of a loved one living with intellectual and developmental challenges has a deep heartfelt dream. They dream that their son or daughter will have a place to live, work, learn, grow, socialize, worship and enjoy a meaningful life. Sounds a lot like any family’s dream, doesn’t it?

This dream has driven BrightStone for the past 21 years to focus on providing more than just a place, but a life for adults who face many challenges, but have abilities and value we need in our world. This vision will enable each individual to find purpose and fulfillment in a local community where they can attain their highest level of independence, capability, and personal happiness.

I am very excited to share where we are on this journey. The land is purchased and we are debt free! The county has approved our Master Plan; the architects and engineers have completed final drawings. Grading will begin soon as will the full wastewater system and sitework. Then the construction of the Center for Learning, Art, and Enterprise and two student community homes will begin!

This expansive 140-acre campus will allow for future phases of development to provide a variety of programming opportunities including our individualized JOBS Program, Horticulture Enterprise, full health and wellness program in our Therapeutic Aquatic Center and Gymnasium, Eco-classroom, outdoor recreation, and a Therapeutic Equestrian Program – pulling together all therapeutic, physical, mental, social, emotional, and spiritual resources to help our students to have a quality life.

We have already received \$7,350,000 toward our \$12,000,000 goal to construct Phase One facilities! It is our hope to continue to be debt free the day we begin providing services on our Land of Dreams campus. Rather than depend on government funding, we invite you as a part of a caring and giving community, to partner with us! We need you!

We look forward to sharing more about how you can join with us in this exciting endeavor! We continue to give tours of the property upon request so you can see the vision for yourself. Together we can make dreams come true and bless our community for generations to come!

*Brenda Hauk*

Brenda Hauk  
BrightStone Founder and CEO

*P.S. Please contact me if you'd like to discuss your support of the Land of Dreams Capital Campaign for BrightStone! Phone: 615-790-4888, Email: [brenda.hauk@brightstone.org](mailto:brenda.hauk@brightstone.org).*

# THIS LAND IS OUR LAND *Our Land of Dreams*



Photo taken prior to 2020.

At the core of BrightStone's culture is treating all people with dignity.

First and foremost, we value the dignity of our students and respect their individuality. We know that despite whatever physical or cognitive challenges they may have, they were created by a loving God and deserve every opportunity to have meaning in their lives.

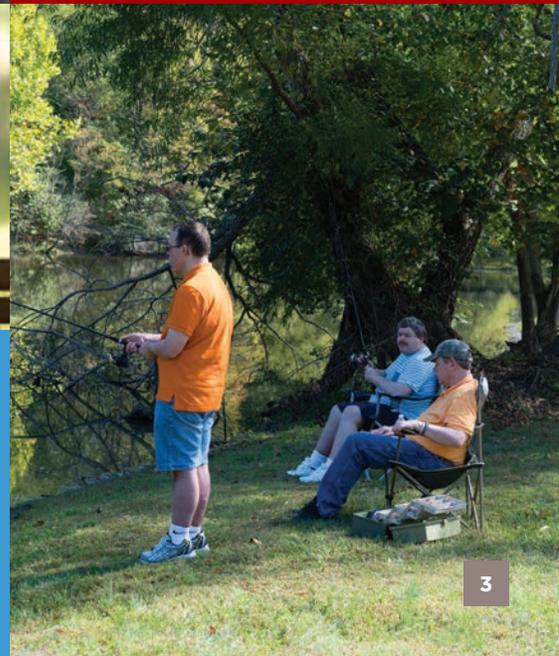
Our new campus will provide a safe and loving environment for individuals with special needs in our community and serve as a national model to which others will aspire.

**For a tour to see the land, contact Elaine Farmer at [elaine.farmer@brightstone.org](mailto:elaine.farmer@brightstone.org), (615) 790-4888.**



*"The new plans for the BrightStone campus gives families like ours hope to think there will be a place for adults with a disability to thrive and have care for a lifetime."*  
- Dr. Cathy Stallworth

**This beautiful, natural setting opens up myriad possibilities for our students. From picturesque areas for quiet reflection, to recreational activities like fishing, to equestrian and horticultural programs, our students will have unprecedented opportunities for meaningful life activities.**





4184 Columbia Pike, Franklin, TN

# MASTER SITE PLAN

## PHASE 1

- Land Purchase
- Infrastructure
- Job Training Center
- Two Student Homes

## PHASE 2

- Additional Homes
- Horticulture Center
- Retail Store
- Medical Clinic
- Admin Building

## PHASE 3

- Additional Homes
- Chapel
- Equestrian Center
- Aquatic Center & Gym

Our 140-acre Land of Dreams will result in a college-like campus and allow enrollment to grow to 120 adults in our day program and offer long-term residential housing options.

### KEY

- 1 - Enterprise Retail Store
- 2 - Horticulture Building
- 3 - Greenhouses
- 4 - Equestrian Stables
- 5 - Equine Therapy Arena
- 6 - Maintenance Building
- 7 - Center for Learning, Art, and Enterprise
- 9 - Admin Office
- 10 - Student Homes
- 11 - Aquatic Center and Gym
- 12 - Clinic
- 13 - Staff Housing and Independent Living
- 14 - Farm Manager

COLUMBIA PIKE

MAIN ENTRANCE

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TR1

TR4

**HORTICULTURE CENTER**

**EQUESTRIAN CENTER**



*BrightStone is grateful for the compassion and expertise of Gamble Design Collaborative, Earl Swensson Associates, Conesco Group, Civil Site Design Group, and Vulcan Materials Company. We are in great hands for the buildout of our Land of Dreams campus!*

**PHASE 1 GOAL:  
\$12,000,000**

\$4.65M STILL NEEDED!

Thank you for considering how you might participate in this exciting campaign to help adults with special needs and strengthen our community for generations!

**61%**

**RAISED SO FAR:  
\$7,350,000**

**DONATIONS TO DATE  
(As of October 2020)**

#	AMOUNT
4	\$1,000,000+
4	\$250,000+
9	\$100,000+
4	\$50,000+
5	\$20,000+
9	\$10,000+
11	\$5,000+
35	\$1,000+
100's	\$1,000 or less

BrightStone is a 501(c)3 and privately funded without depending on government support. Tuition covers one-third of our operational costs.

We rely on private philanthropy from a giving community of individuals, foundations, corporations, churches and other organizations for the remaining two thirds of our annual operating budget. **And we depend on private philanthropy exclusively to pay for capital initiatives, like building projects.**

# MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD



Our son, Andy, is part of the BrightStone community. My wife, Beth, and I say that with pride and also with a special emphasis on the word “community.”

Our Land of Dreams campus will be a new model that offers student housing to meet a variety of needs in a loving, caring environment full of possibilities for growth and success.

I’m honored to be serving as Chairman of the Board during this exciting moment in our history. It’s a moment that my wife Beth and I have been waiting for since we became involved with BrightStone more than ten years ago.

We’ve demonstrated our excitement by providing one of the initial major gifts to the Land of Dreams Campaign. But we can’t do this alone and we know that our Land of Dreams will only be realized if our giving community provides the needed financial support.

By working together, we can build something beautiful, lasting and life-changing.

Don Stinnett, BrightStone Board Chair

### FOUNDING PARTNERS, \$1M+

- Jennifer and Billy Frist
- Marilyn and Calvin Lehw
- Emily Magid
- Beth and Don Stinnett



*“We’ve made BrightStone one of our major charities. What they are doing for adults with disabilities is incredible. It changed us.”*  
- Calvin and Marilyn Lehw

# CENTER FOR LEARNING, ART, AND ENTERPRISE

PHASE 1 facilities will allow day program enrollment to grow from 40 to 64 students and house our classrooms, dining hall, medical clinic and administrative offices. Later phases will include the development of separate buildings for the medical clinic and administrative offices plus a chapel, gym, therapeutic aquatic center, horticulture center, equestrian arena, and more community homes.



## STUDENT HOME

In PHASE 1 we will build two homes to begin our residential program and help 8 adults realize their dream of living in their own home.

Each home costs \$515,000 to build. So far, \$372,442 has been given towards the first home which will be named The Ferrell Home in the memory of Dr. Craig Ferrell who was an early Founder and visionary of the BrightStone dream.

Funds are still needed to complete The Ferrell Home and to build the second home which is not yet named.





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Franklin, TN 37068



## PARTNER WITH US!

We are thankful for every gift and invite you to join in creating our Land of Dreams.

*"What could be more important than providing a place where some of our most vulnerable citizens can find joy and meaning in their lives." -Jim and Phyllis Lackey*

Learn more at [BrightStone.org/LandofDreams](http://BrightStone.org/LandofDreams), or, contact Brenda Hauk at 615-790-4888, [brenda.hauk@brightstone.org](mailto:brenda.hauk@brightstone.org) or Randy Elliott at 615-491-0096, [randy.elliott@brightstone.org](mailto:randy.elliott@brightstone.org).

## WAYS TO SUPPORT THE LAND OF DREAMS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

- One-time financial donations
- Pledges payable up to five years
- Tax smart donations of stock
- Gifts of appreciated assets
- Gifts through your estate
- Other types of planned giving

We are eager to answer your questions and help you plan your gift! Please call Randy Elliott at 615-491-0096 or Brenda Hauk at 615-790-4888 to talk.

BrightStone is a privately funded 501(c)3 organization serving adults with special needs since 1999.

### OTHER WAYS TO HELP BRIGHTSTONE ADULTS: PURCHASE STUDENT-MADE PRODUCTS!

Available at:

**Savory Spice Shop**  
324 Main St  
Franklin, TN 37064

**Olivia Olive Oil**  
118 E Main St  
Franklin, TN 37064

**BrightStone Lobby**  
140 Southeast Pkwy Court  
Franklin, TN 37064  
M-F 8:30am - 4:30pm

*(For the BrightStone Lobby Store, please call ahead for curbside service: 615-790-4888.)*

*They make great gifts!*

