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“BrightStone is Growing”
2020 ANNUAL REPORT

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THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD
MESSAGE FROM
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The Stinnett Family’s $1,000,000 Match Pledge Starts 2021 With a bang!

“Through God’s abundant gifts, we are blessed and proud to make this 2nd $1 Million commitment to support construction of the Land of Dreams campus. Our hope is to regain the excitement and momentum that existed prior to the pandemic and encourage the community to join us and help BrightStone fund this important project for our community!” - Don & Beth Stinnett

$8,371,000 given toward Phase One construction!

We are overflowing with gratitude and looking forward to others joining this giving family! Don and Beth are excited about leading the way for your donation to be doubled!

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As a proud and hopeful parent of an adult with special needs, I am provided a unique perspective in my service to the BrightStone Board. This insight helps me understand why it is so important that our community supports the development of BrightStone’s Land of Dreams Campus.

Like all parents, we protect our children until they grow up and become independent adults.

The majority of adults with special needs, including our son, will require supervision and financial support throughout their adult life. Parents spend a great deal of time looking for an environment where their son or daughter will be protected and cared for when parents are no longer able to do so.

During my last 5 years serving as Chairman and during prior years serving as Treasurer of BrightStone’s Board, I’ve come to understand the overwhelming need in our community. These special adults need a place that offers a lifetime of opportunities to continue learning, have friendships, and receive quality care. This place must include a home to live for a lifetime after parents are no longer there to provide care. BrightStone’s Land of Dreams campus will provide this environment and do so wonderfully.

My wife Beth and I have felt a “calling” to help Brenda and BrightStone in any way we can. Our family continues to invest in this special Land of Dreams Capital Campaign and God-inspired vision that will benefit families in our community for decades to come.

It has taken a long time but we’ve overcome every challenge to date. Thanks to gracious supporters in our community like you, we’ll soon open the Land of Dreams campus. There is a day in the not too distant future when parents will have peace of mind knowing BrightStone’s Land of Dreams campus is a viable option for their special adult to enjoy the best life possible.

If you’d like to learn more or come for a tour, I’d welcome hearing from you. Thank you for your support of BrightStone!

Don Stinnett
Chairman, BrightStone Board

Ways to Support the Land of Dreams Capital Campaign
- One-time financial donations
- Pledges payable up to 3 years
- Tax smart donations of stock
- Gifts of appreciated assets
- Gifts through your estate

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

Donations are tax deductible to the extent allowed by law.

We are excited about BrightStone’s Land of Dreams Campaign and delighted to invest in this important project for our community.

Jennifer and Billy Frist

BrightStone Founder, Brenda Hauk, signs construction contract with Nancy Osmon, President of Solomon Builders. “This historic moment sets the stage for BrightStone to begin construction of a premier campus serving adults with special needs. We are thrilled Solomon Builders is partnering with us to build our Land of Dreams, which will offer families throughout Tennessee a place where lives will be fulfilled and hope will abound for decades to come.”

Jennifer and Billy Frist
FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

We made it!

2020 is over and we can finally look over the hill to 2021! Our heads were spinning as we navigated through a year of so many lows and so many highs. Some made it through without harm while others will feel the hurt forever. As we look back and then turn to look forward at the future of BrightStone, we know beyond a doubt that we have been and continue to be held by a loving God who walks with us, loves us, and is directing our path.

We are so blessed you helped keep BrightStone strong in 2020. Gratefully, we ended the year with a surplus of general operating funds, which will help carry us through the next unexpected challenge that will come. We are so grateful that as God gave you the resources, you chose to share your blessings with BrightStone, which allowed us to:

• Introduce a virtual way to access our daily educational and job training programs.
• Produce over 950 educational video classes for our students to enjoy from home.
• Resume in person classes with students able to wear masks and safely distance in the classroom.
• Teach safety protocols to our staff and in turn to our students.

Throughout the year we felt your prayers!

We remain grateful for your support that allowed us to continue to provide the best programming for the individuals we serve. New as we look forward to 2021, we will embark on a huge venture - to finally begin building our Land of Dreams campus allowing students to grow, learn, and become the best they can be while having a joy-filled life.

I am overjoyed to share that BrightStone’s Board of Directors voted unanimously to contract with Solomon Builders to construct the first phase of our campus. We take this historic step with humility and yet with confidence as BrightStone prepares to build a model facility, which will be the first of its kind in the state of Tennessee.

We ask you to pray for the future of BrightStone and our huge Land of Dreams vision.

We claim the promise of Jeremiah 29:11 as the prophet shared these words from God the Father to those exiled from Jerusalem: “For I know the plans I have for you, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” We are moving forward in faith and within the hope for a blessed and bright future for our community and the precious souls we serve at BrightStone!

Brenda Hauk
Founder and CEO

P.S. Please contact me at 615-790-4888 or brenda.hauk@brightstone.org if you’d like to discuss your support of our Land of Dreams Capital Campaign. I look forward to speaking with you!
Roger volunteered to assemble our new tables so students could sit outdoors.

A Few of our Wonderful Community Partners!

Dir. of Operations Bill Jacobs presents a $6,805 donation from APCOM and its employees! APCOM has faithfully supported BrightStone since 2010. More info at www.apcom.com

Lewis Rankin, Allocation Committee Chairman from The Rotary Club of Brentwood, presents a $10,000 donation. Club info at https://portal.clubrunner.ca/5542

Tyler Brown, Southall Farms SVP of Agriculture and Culinary, presents $2,100 donation. More info at www.southallfarms.com

BrightStone Citizens Council Gives Students a Voice

Students conduct their own campaigns and run for office. Citizens Council goals are to:
• Confirm the rights of BrightStone citizens to have their voice heard and to provide input into their care
• Provide a communication method for sharing
• Insure a loving, caring environment at BrightStone
• Utilize the ideas, input, and creative minds of our citizens at BrightStone

Elected officers and members include Tracey Griffin, President; Ben Baggett, Vice President; Jennifer Pewitt, Secretary; and members Kelly Morgan and Kat Craig.

BrightStone Nurses, Dee and Michelle take temperatures of students arriving each morning and make sure masks are worn correctly. BrightStone’s COVID-19 Task Force and teachers work hard to make sure all returning BrightStone students are protected while at BrightStone and in their classes.

Students wear masks while working on their vocational goals and learning productive work habits

Individualized training allows each student to put their hands and hearts into every project – resulting in unique works of art and incredibly delicious food mixes!

Teachers and students appreciate the Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). Thousands were donated and purchased with funding from the Cares Act so BrightStone could safely resume Day Programming in June.

COVID-19 Protocols Begin Before Students Get Out of the Car!

Over 550 virtual classes produced during COVID-19!

Certified Instructors Lisa and Caitlin from Franklin Athletic Club create weekly fitness videos from their home studios for BrightStone students. BrightStone teachers produced 5 virtual classes each day for students to watch from home starting with a devotional. Topics included fitness, art, music, cooking, nutrition, gardening, animal care, life skills, book club and more!

We continue to produce virtual classes each day that are accessible online for our students who remain home waiting to safely return to BrightStone.

TENNESSEE CARES ACT GRANT

We remain thankful for this funding which allowed us to buy PPE resources for our facilities plus Chromebooks and Internet Hotspot devices for our families who did not have a computer or internet access.
Volunteering at BrightStone Makes a Difference!

The Union Sportsmen’s Alliance is a union-operated and dedicated 501c3 conservation organization. We gratefully acknowledge the AFL-CIO union members who volunteered sharing their time and trade skills to update The Manci Barn with electric service that will be enjoyed by adults with special needs in our planned therapeutic riding equestrian program. Visit https://joom.ag/XbBC/p30 for the full story.

BrightStone’s golf benefit held October 2020 at the Governors Club included social distancing, one golfer per golf cart option and a brief outdoor welcome. The benefit attracted 92 community leaders and raised a record $190,000 helping BrightStone fund its life-changing programs and services.

We gratefully recognize these compassionate sponsors for supporting our mission to help adults with special needs have the best life possible.

2020 PRESENTING SPONSOR ($15,000+)
Kirkland’s

2020 MASTER’S FLIGHT SPONSOR ($10,000+)
Ferguson Enterprises

2020 CHAMPIONSHIP FLIGHT SPONSOR ($5,000+)
Amy Chambers

2020 PRESIDENT’S FLIGHT SPONSOR ($2,500+)
Mike and Margot Cairnes

Friends Dian Heavrin, Wanda Ball, and Lavon Varley joined Linda Hinton to golf and support this important benefit in honor of her husband Jim.

BrightStone student Jon Hasty (center) was the top fundraiser raising $21,466. Team Hasty included Glen Hasty and Matthew Hasty from Paul Hasty & Son Plumbing Co., David Brandt Regional Manager of Ferguson Enterprises.

BrightStone’s 20th annual Golf Benefit will be held at the Governor’s Club on Monday, October 4, 2021. For information about golfing or sponsorships, please contact Director of Advancement Randy Elliott, at randyelliott@brightstone.org or call 615-491-0096.

Please visit www.brightstonegolf.com for details and updates.

Special thanks to Presenting Sponsor
Kirkland’s, and Golf committee members Russ Willis and Don Stinnett.
Community support is an essential part of our mission and provides the funding we need to help adults with special needs and their families. Donors listed make a gift between January 1, 2020 and December 31, 2020. We have made every effort to ensure accuracy and if you notice an error, please contactfoundations@abetterway.org at 615-720-4688.

Mt. Juliet and Franklin, Tennessee

G = General Donations, C = Capital Donations, IKG = In-Kind General Donations, IIC = In-Kind Capital Donations
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HUGE SUCCESS!

BrightStone’s “Pop-Up Christmas Shop” Showcase of Student-Crafted Products

BrightStone employees Kaye (left) and Elaine (right) were the creative team that worked tirelessly to decorate our Christmas Pop-up Shop and graciously (and safely) assisted customers who came to purchase our products – and sample our tasty Cookies, 3-Minute Fudge, and Blondies!

More info at www.brightstone.org/shop

UPCOMING EVENTS

BIG PAYBACK - MAY 5, 2021
General Operating Fundraiser

BOWLABILITY - AUG. 2-3, 2021
Franklin Entertainment Center - 13th Year!

GOLF BENEFIT - OCT. 4, 2021
Governor’s Club - 20th Year!

GIVING TUESDAY – NOV. 30, 2021
Scholarship Program Fundraiser!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM - DEC. 2, 2021
Liberty Hall at the Factory in Franklin

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brightstone.org/tour

Wish List
brightstone.org/wishlist

Scan here to donate.

Thanks to support from the community, $19,000 worth of our products were purchased! Every product was hand-made by Adults with Special Needs in our Job Training Program!