W hat a blessing to see BIG smiles on the faces of our students as more and more return to our Day Program and “Life at BrightStone.” We are so grateful that throughout the pandemic, God drew near to protect and bless BrightStone. We didn’t just survive 2020—we thrived thanks to your compassion and faithful support.

Our Land of Dreams Can Only Happen Because YOU Care!

It is because you believe in our vision, you share our dream, and you support our needs that we are moving forward each day in faith. It is our hope to complete construction by the summer of 2022 and remain debt free—and we know we can achieve these goals with your support!

When you come to BrightStone for a tour of our current program, you’ll be captivated by the dynamic individuals we serve, seeing their “abilities.” When you visit our Land of Dreams campus, you’ll catch the vision for BrightStone to become a model facility in our state and beyond. We encourage you to come for a tour and to bring friends. We want to share our dream with you!

Your Prayers Mean Everything!

It is with our sincere and genuine belief in the power of prayer that we ask you to pray with us and for us as we seek God’s provision—to fill us with wisdom, and to provide the resources we need to make our Land of Dreams a reality, serving individuals with special needs and their families for years to come.

Thank you so much for all you mean to BrightStone—for sharing the dream with others, for providing the resources we need to go forward, and for lifting us up in prayer to the One who remains in control of the plan—the plan for us to prosper—which in the rest and hope for the future.

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!

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
Our Land of Dreams is Coming to Life!

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n February 3, 2021 the BrightStone Board of Directors unanimously approved the Phase One construction contract for our Land of Dreams with Solomon Builders. We are honored to be working with this experienced and highly-celebrated company, leading an amazing team including Civil-Site Design Group, Earl Swensson Associates, and Gamble Design Group. In partnership with these fantastic groups, BrightStone will be able to expand our reach and grow in our mission!

February 3 of this year was a historic day for BrightStone, but of course, this was only the beginning! This past April, after months of planning and praying, Phase One construction officially began! What started as a vision is steadily becoming a reality with each passing day! The BrightStone Land of Dreams campus will open in the summer of 2022. The sprawling 140-acre campus will accommodate our current and future planned facilities, which include our 23,000 sq. ft. Center for Learning, Art & Enterprise, student homes, Horticulture Center, Administration Building, Enterprise Retail Store, Health Clinic, Therapeutic Aquatic Center and Gym, Equine Therapy Arena and Stables, and Chapel. Most importantly, our expanded campus facilities will allow us to accommodate up to 120 adults in our day program!

As bulldozers and machinery move mountains of dirt and rock, and our campus begins to come to life, our excitement has never been greater! We reflect with gratitude for the support of those who have helped us reach this point, while we also eagerly look forward to the great task of funding this project and making our Land of Dreams a reality.

Thanks to the generosity of our many supporters, we are overjoyed that Phase One Pre-Construction is 100% funded! This $8,000,000 portion of Phase One includes the purchase of our 140-acres, site development, and wastewater system installation. The remainder of Phase One includes the Construction of our Center for Learning, Art & Enterprise, as well as two student homes!

We remain intimately aware of our need for community support to realize our vision of completing Phase One, and eventually, Phases Two and Three. Throughout our history, we have always thrived due to the generosity of others. The need for this facility is overwhelming and our waiting list continues to grow. There are very few residential options in our region, and few can match the unique plans that we have for our Land of Dreams. Our new campus will, truly, be the only one of its kind in the state of Tennessee. We boldly ask that you pray for our Land of Dreams. We continue to move excitedly forward, resting in the power of prayer!

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 Elliott at 615-491-0096 or Brenda Hauk at 615-790-4888 to discuss further.

Land of Dreams Capital Campaign

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

Pre-Construction Phase - $8,000,000 goal - 100% funded!
• 140 Acre Land Purchase
• Site & Infrastructure Development
• Wastewater Treatment System

Construction Phase - $10,564,000 goal - $1,750,000 to date!
• Center for Learning, Art & Enterprise
• Two Homes (each $750,000)

Construction to be completed by Summer 2022

WE NEED YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO REMAIN DEBT FREE! Donations being matched NOW! Up to $1,000,000 thanks to the Stinnett Family. 100% of the capital funding needed for our Land of Dreams comes from our giving community. Please contact us to request a tour to learn more!
Randy Price and BrightStone’s New Vocational Program

Creating Meaningful, Real-World Opportunities

We are so blessed that Randy Price has worked at BrightStone since 2015 as our Packaging Lead Teacher. He is beloved by every student and leads out in many ways within our Day Program—especially in the realm of technology! His new focus will involve an exciting expansion of our Job Training Program as he takes on a new venture as the Coordinator of BrightStone’s Vocational Program.

Our vision for the Vocational Program involves three phases. The first focuses on identifying a curriculum and training program that will build the prerequisite skills necessary for our students to be successful in a variety of workplace environments. We are excited to have completed this phase! Phase two, which begins this June, is to implement job interest surveys, classroom instruction and vocational roleplay for our students. Phase three will put our students’ training and preparation into action, as they engage in volunteer experiences at various work sites.

“Our day program has always had a focus on vocational work skills and learning,” says Randy Price, “and as our program grows and moves to our new campus, it will be important to expand our learning experiences beyond the BrightStone campus itself. Involvement in and alongside our community will be very important.” BrightStone adults face unique challenges in many aspects of their lives, which also impact their ability to gain and retain vocational experiences.

“Far too often in the working world, people focus on the ‘dis’ in disability,” Price says. “With our Vocational Program we will create meaningful, real-world work opportunities which have the potential to lead to meaningful paid employment for our adults. With our exciting future at our Land of Dreams on the horizon, we are excited to be growing and expanding in more ways than one. On our new Land of Dreams campus, our Vocational Program will be one element of many that will contribute to a life of fulfillment for the amazing and capable adults we serve!”

BrightStone is Our Family

A Mother’s Reflection...

“There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:28).

BrightStone is our family. I trust the staff with Reggie because I know they love and care for him as a valued member of the BrightStone family. They care about Reggie’s unique needs, as well as my concerns as his mother. BrightStone has made a tremendous impact on our family. BrightStone’s future is very important with regard to Reggie’s future. There is simply nowhere else like BrightStone, and without their support and commitment to my son, there would be little hope for his continued growth in becoming more self-sufficient. I trust BrightStone to continue to be a “home” for Reggie, even once my life on this earth comes to an end.

BrightStone is Proud to Offer Tours of Our Campus!

For more information, or to book a tour and discover our mission, please contact Elaine Farmer at 615-790-4888 or elaine.farmer@brightstone.org.

BrightStone Packaged Food Mixes Available at These Retail Partners:
- Batch Farmers Market Nashville
- Fork of the South
- (The Factory at Franklin)
- Franklin Visitors Center
- Olivia Olive Oil
- Savory Spice Shop
BOWLABILITY 2021 IS COMING!
August 2-3, 2021 at the Franklin Family Entertainment Center

Team up with friends, family, or co-workers to raise awareness for adults with special needs while having a blast! Bowlability is a family-friendly event that celebrates the a-ilities of everyone. Get Rolling at Bowlability.com!

BRIGHTSTONE HOURS OF OPERATION
Monday – Friday, 8:30am – 4:30pm

UPCOMING EVENTS
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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