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.
LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, BRENDA HAUK

STORIES OF LOVE

“BRIGHTSTONE...A COMMUNITY FINDING PERSONAL FulfillMENT AS THEY SHARE THEIR SKILLS, THEIR TALENTS, THEIR MUSIC, AND THEIR SMILES. TRULY STORIES OF HAPPINESS.”

Each of our lives tells a story – sometimes many stories. Stories of our actions and pursuits, our ups and our downs, our near misses and our exciting wins. When you walk the halls of BrightStone, you encounter stories in the faces and the actions of each BrightStone adult you meet.

When you get to know the families more stories begin to unfold – the deeper, more intimate, more guarded stories. Stories of concern for their loved one’s happiness, of anxiety over the future, and of increasing challenges with stamina while continuing to provide a lifetime of care. At BrightStone they find relief in the quality of care, confidence in the leadership and direction, and hope in the future – and they will do everything in their power to make sure their adult is at BrightStone every day. Definitely stories of love.

The cover of this issue shares the story of a young man whose father is a music teacher, but who has never had the opportunity to express his own music interest and skill. Then BrightStone’s music teacher asked him to direct the BrightStone chorus in the Christmas Program. Full of confidence and pride, he discovers his moment – he experiences his love of the applause – he realizes the delight of his family – he brings joy and laughter to the audience. As you walk through the following pages you will experience the stories of young adults finding purpose in life and the joy and value which that purpose brings, of families committed to the success of growing independence, and of a community finding personal fulfillment as they share their skills, their talents, their music, their smiles. Truly stories of happiness.

We spent this year communicating the story of BrightStone and why it is so important to our community. I am thankful to share with you how important you are to BrightStone... support from you, your family, your church, your business, and your foundation makes our mission possible. Your love for BrightStone is such a blessing and we thank God for you and for your faithful giving. Without annual support from dear friends like you, BrightStone would simply not be here to help adults with special needs in our community. May God bless you this holiday season.

Brenda Hauk
STUDENTS PREPARING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

PICTURED LEFT: KATE WORKING ON A CERAMIC POT FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Our Paint Room is where a variety of projects begin. There are multiple ways that clay pots are used in the products our students produce. From gift baskets to manger scenes, there are so many ways that you will see simple clay pots transform into beautiful gifts for friends and family.

There is something truly therapeutic about painting. Hand painting these objects opens so many doors for our students in both job training and personal wellness.

Be sure to check out this season’s collection of Christmas Cards featured on page 11.

MIXING UP SOMETHING DELICIOUS WITH JOE ELMORE OF TENNESSEE CROSSROADS

PICTURED LEFT: STEVEN ALONGSIDE JOE ELMORE.

Joe Elmore came to visit BrightStone and collect some footage for an episode of Tennessee Crossroads! He especially enjoyed the Dry Mix Classroom.

Our dry mix room is a unique and exciting space for adults to learn and work together. Our twelve food products are holiday gift favorites. To view the episode that aired October 19th, search for the link: tennesseecrossroads.org!

CERAMICS PROVIDE A PLACE OF PEACE

PICTURED RIGHT: JON GETTING READY TO APPLY A GLAZE.

The students in the ceramics classroom produce some of our most beautiful and inspired products. They truly let their imagination soar through every step of this hands on process. It is also often one of the most peaceful places in the building. There are many therapeutic aspects to working with clay and you will often find students laughing and enjoying the time gathered around and glazing together.

Find out how to get our products made by BrightStone students at www.BrightStone.org/Shop or call 615-790-4888.
A FAMILY ON A MISSION

HOW THE MOSS FAMILY CREATIVELY AND SUSTAINABLY SUPPORTS THE MISSION OF BRIGHTSTONE

Over the years, the Moss family have developed their lives to creatively support the mission of BrightStone in a variety of ways. Their story is inspiring and their passion is a catalyst for others to dive in and get involved. Though there are so many ways that they give of their time and resources, this feature focuses on how they’ve utilized their businesses to further the vision of BrightStone.

A BEAUTIFUL PIECE TO COMPLIMENT A PROFOUND AND DEDICATED FAMILY

PICTURED ABOVE: THE UNIQUE BRIGHTSTONE WING PENDANT.
PICTURED RIGHT: SANDY MOSS, SISTER TO AL AND JEWELRY DESIGNER

We are honored to announce that Sandy Moss, GIA certified gemologist and designer, has created a series of beautiful necklace pendants of our very own BrightStone wing logo. Sandy’s brother Al is a student at BrightStone and we are so blessed to have our significant logo in such a beautiful and elegant way.

WHAT WAS YOUR MOTIVATION FOR CREATING THIS UNIQUE PIECE?

“I wanted it to be something that would be a conversation piece so that if someone commented on the beauty of it, the person wearing it would have the opportunity to tell them about BrightStone.”

With each pendant sold, a portion of the proceeds is donated to BrightStone. If you are interested in ordering from Sandy please visit her webpage:

www.sandymossjewelry.com

Pictured Above: Peggye Moss, Sandy and Al’s mother, displaying the BrightStone jewelry at our annual Sporting Clays Benefit.
SONGWRITER MICHAEL CARD SHARES HIS DEEP AND MOVING CONNECTION WITH AL MOSS AT OUR ANNUAL SONGWRITERS NIGHT

PICTURED LEFT: MICHAEL CARD AT OUR ANNUAL SONGWRITER’S NIGHT, 2017

For those of you who know Al, you understand the impression this kind student leaves on a person.
While many of us do not have the gifts that allow us to put these emotions to words, Michael Card faithfully shares his God-given talent in an exceptionally moving way.
Michael Card was attending church when he last met the Moss family. This led to him writing a truly beautiful song about Al who was a young boy at the time. He performed this amazing song during our 15th Annual Music that Touches the Heart Event this fall.
Here is an excerpt from his song:
“When a window is a mirror,
You see two ways at one time.
You look outside and see the land,
The mountains left to climb.
But also you can see inside
Your face suspended there
Behold your face, and see your place
And understand why you are here.”
You can find the full lyrics and the rest of Michael Card’s music at: www.MichaelCard.com

LIBERTY HVAC: SUSTAINABLE GIVING THROUGH TITHING ON SERVICE AGREEMENTS

Liberty HVAC Services, the Moss family business, has embarked on a creative and generous solution for BrightStone to the ongoing need for sustainable support. They have committed to tithe on every service agreement they receive. At the end of the year, a percentage of all the income from their service agreements will be donated directly to BrightStone to continue meeting the needs of our adults with special needs. We are blessed to have such a rich relationship with all of the Moss family. You can learn more about Liberty’s commitment at www.libertyhvacservices.com
GOLF BENEFIT HAS A HUGE IMPACT

PICTURED LEFT: JUSTIN AND CATHERINE HAD A GREAT TIME SHARING
BOTTOM LEFT: KEVIN GABHART & 2ND PLACE TEAM HOLDCROFT
BOTTOM RIGHT: 1ST PLACE TAON

BrightStone's 16th annual Jim Hinton Memorial Golf Benefit was held at the Governor's Club in Brentwood, Tennessee. The weather was wonderful as 38 golfers teed off to support BrightStone. This event continues to have the greatest impact in supporting the essential programs and services for our students. Stay tuned for more announcements about the fundraising progress as donations continue to roll in.

BOWLABILITY REACHES A HUGE MILESTONE: OVER $530,000 RAISED IN 9 YEARS


BrightStone's annual Bowlability has raised more than $530,000 over its nine years. This key event funds core programs and vital services for adults with special needs in our community. Over 400 community members came together this year to make this milestone a possibility. "BrightStone has provided my sister, Catherine, with endless love and support from day one," says Kellum Ferree, this year's committee chair member. "Words will never be able to express the gratitude we have for BrightStone. It's been such a blessing to my family!"

PLEASE VISIT WWW.BRIGHTSTONEGOLF.COM TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THIS IMPORTANT EVENT AND SHARE YOUR SUPPORT.
HCA VOLUNTEER DAY
PICTURED ABOVE: THE HCA VOLUNTEERS WITH RANDY ELLIOTT, ELAINE FARMER AND BRENDA HAUK
We are so grateful for the amazing turnout of HCA’s Volunteer Day! Participants helped BrightStone with a multitude of tasks ranging from pressure washing and land maintenance to working with students. Thank you HCA!

BRIGHTSTONE’S 15TH ANNUAL SONGWRITERS: MOVING AND INSPIRING
TOP LEFT: RICKY SKAGGS WITH OUR SONGWRITERS LINEUP
BELOW: OUR CO-HOSTS, REGG SWANSON AND LORRAINE FERRELL
Co-hosts Regg Swanson and Lorraine Ferrell kicked off BrightStone’s 15th annual Music that Touches the Heart Songwriters Night was a powerful and engaging evening featuring Michael Card, Jason Coleman, Meagan Taylor Anderson, Gordon Kennedy, Paul Jefferson, and Brady Seals with Ricky Skaggs headlining. Follow our social media pages for future updates on fundraising results.

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON
PICTURED ABOVE: KAY HAUK, ANN EL-URFALI, JUNE CALDWELL, AND DORIS ALEXANDER
Our volunteer luncheon is a very special occasion where we have the opportunity to thank the large community of volunteers who support BrightStone with their time and talent throughout the year. Special thanks to Newk’s for catering this year’s event!

JOE ELMORE VISIT
PICTURED ABOVE: CALVIN LEHEW, BRENDA HAUK, JOE ELMORE, AND RANDY ELLIOTT
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We invite you to bring a group of employees, church members, or friends to tour BrightStone. We promise your group will experience a unique and inspiring tour. You’ll see the “abilities” of adults with intellectual challenges (our “students”) engaged in our highly acclaimed educational and enterprise programs.

Our B.I.G. events start with a tour of our current facility, observing students engaged in educational and job training classrooms, learning or making student-crafted BrightStone products. Next, we will drive just 3 miles to our 138-acre property for a brief presentation. We want everyone in the community to learn about our exciting expansion plans.

Group tours are by appointment and can be scheduled Monday through Thursday at 9:30am or Monday through Wednesday at 11:00am.

All tours end with an opportunity to shop for and purchase student-crafted products. To schedule a tour, please contact us at 615-790-4888 or by email at info@brightstone.org. A tour of BrightStone will change the way you think about adults with special needs!

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You can give to BrightStone every time you shop at both Kroger and Amazon! The setup is easy and helps raise thousands of dollars every year. You can find instructions at www.BrightStone.org/give or contact Daniel Bradley at 615-790-4888.

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PICTURED ABOVE: SARAH ENJOYING THE SUMMER FIESTA

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- Front desk volunteer substitutes
- Christmas program volunteers (Thursday, December 7th, 2017)

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