



MESSAGE FROM FORMER BOARD CHAIRMAN

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.” Like Andy, most adults with developmental disabilities struggle to find a place in society at large. After high school, their world can become very small. BrightStone offers Andy a rich network of friends who provide loving support. It is a place where he can contribute and be counted as a valuable member of the BrightStone family and our local community.

Plans for the new BrightStone campus will extend and deepen this community. Unlike small isolated group homes, which are the predominant model for supported living for persons with disabilities in Tennessee, the BrightStone campus will offer rich opportunities that only a larger community can provide. It 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 on 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 it alone and we know that our Land of Dreams will only be realized if the greater giving community provides the needed financial support.

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

Don Stinnett, *Former Board Chair*