

FALL 2021 NEWSLETTER

BRIGHTSTONE

Helping Adults with Special Needs

A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR TENNESSEE!

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Governor Bill Lee



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BRIGHTSTONE PROVIDES A COMPREHENSIVE WORK, SOCIAL SUPPORT, AND 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 *Believe!*

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 thankful that you – our caring community – continue to encourage us and to offer financial support for our Land of Dreams expansion. As we approach yearend, I am so thankful for these blessings and milestones:

- BrightStone hosted *A BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR TENNESSEE* gathering on our property where Governor Bill and First Lady Maria Lee; Tennessee Leader of the Senate, Jack Johnson; County Mayor Rogers Anderson; and Franklin Mayor Ken Moore shared heartfelt words of support and confidence in our endeavor to provide lifelong opportunities for individuals with special needs.
- We signed the contracts!! BrightStone contracted with Solomon Builders to complete site work infrastructure and to construct our Center for Learning, Art and Enterprise; and we contracted with DeFatta Custom Homes to build our first two teaching homes – all now underway!!
- God stirred hearts in the community and donors gave us \$3,000,000 towards our \$7,300,000 construction costs!
- The Stinnett family stepped up with a matching capital donations opportunity through December 2021!

We felt your prayers – and we continue to need them more than ever!

We are moving forward by faith to provide *A BRIGHTER FUTURE* for Tennessee and the many families and precious souls we will serve at BrightStone. I am excited to share that our Future Planning Teams, made up of Board members, BrightStone staff, and community leaders, have spent many hours developing the Objectives, Strategies, and Tactics with specific timelines to help navigate each step toward our expanded program on the new campus with the goal to: “Start Ready and Start Smart!”

We look forward to completing construction in late 2022! This campus – our Land of Dreams – will allow more students to become the best they can be while having a joy-filled life. From learning a job skill to enjoying social opportunities; from participating in the community to living in one of our teaching homes, our students will have the chance to have “the best life” possible!

Your support enables BrightStone to be a beacon – shining a light on how God works through us all. Right here in Franklin, right here in Williamson County, right here in Tennessee, our Land of Dreams campus will become a model facility and example for other cities and states to follow!

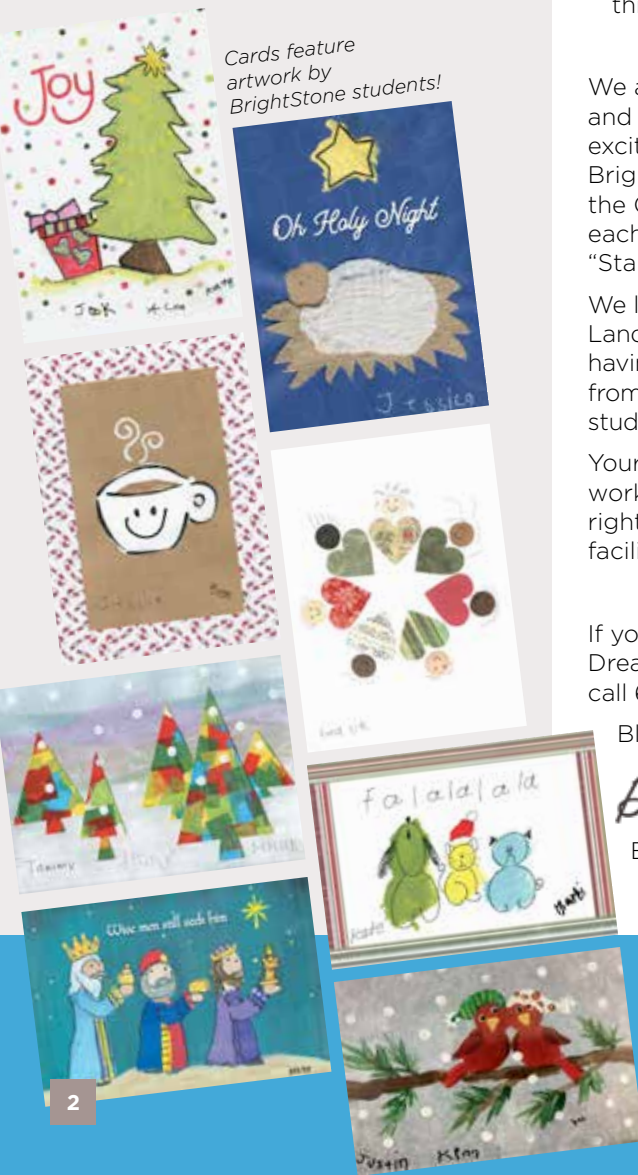
We cannot wait to share our Land of Dreams vision with you!

If you would like to come for a tour or meet with me to discuss our Land of Dreams capital campaign, please email me at brenda.hauk@brightstone.org or call 615-790-4888. You, too, can partner with us in this amazing journey!

Blessings,

Brenda Hauk

Brenda Hauk



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AT BRIGHTSTONE.ORG/SHOP!**

**We Ship or
You Pick Up!**

\$1 MILLION MATCH CHALLENGE

FROM RETIRED HCA EXECUTIVE AND FORMER BRIGHTSTONE BOARD CHAIRMAN

In January, the Stinnett family pledged to match Capital donations received by December 31, 2021. That match is still available for your year-end gifting.

"In January 2021, we wanted to rekindle the momentum of the Land of Dreams Campaign and pledged to match dollar for dollar donations up to \$1 million through December 31, 2021 to help fund construction of BrightStone's amazing Land of Dreams campus. Now that construction is underway, it's a good time to remind everyone of this matching gift opportunity."



"Parents spend a great deal of time searching for an environment where their son or daughter can be happy, safe and cared for when they are no longer able to do so."

Don and Beth Stinnett

Your Land of Dreams Capital Donation will trigger the Stinnett matching donation!

If you would like to learn more or come for a tour before making your donation or pledge, please contact us.

Randy Elliott, Director of Advancement
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615-491-0096 (Cell) or
615-790-4888 (Office)



WELCOME NEW BOARD DIRECTOR LARRY CRANCH

Larry Cranch recently joined BrightStone's Board of Directors bringing years of experience as a corporate lawyer.

He is currently the chief legal officer of AllianceBernstein, a large asset management firm which just moved its headquarters from New York City to the top seven floors of the new Fifth and Broadway development in Nashville.

Larry has a 33-year-old daughter, Helen, who has cerebral palsy and has a keen interest in the mission and vision of BrightStone and particularly our Land of Dreams facility, which will provide an integrated, long-term residential and job training and learning program for adults with special needs.

Larry heard about BrightStone from his colleagues at AllianceBernstein after arriving in Nashville and has been participating in BrightStone events and providing support for a number of years.

Larry and his wife Connie have been married for 46 years and have two children, Helen and her brother William.

"I strongly believe that only through performing meaningful, useful services through a job program like BrightStone can adults with disabilities truly thrive in the long term." ~ Larry Cranch

Come for a Tour

See Our Land of Dreams

140-Acre Campus!

BRIGHTSTONE RETREAT CENTER

Our beautiful retreat center on the back of our campus will offer our students a place to have employment; outdoor recreation (fishing in spring-fed stocked lakes, hiking trails, eco-classroom) and represents great potential for future development.



OUR LAND OF DREAMS CAMPUS

The First of Its Kind in Tennessee!

Development of our *Land of Dreams* is underway.

Construction of two teaching homes and The Center for Learning, Art and Enterprise is happening! Please come for a tour, so we can show you what your support is making possible!





Land of Dreams Capital Campaign Update

PROVIDING HOPE FOR FAMILIES!

Our new campus and Phase One facilities will allow more individuals with special needs to attend BrightStone and will provide the opportunity for enhancement of our job training, educational, recreation, therapeutic, vocational and community programs.

Your donation (or pledge) to our Land of Dreams Capital campaign postmarked by December 31, 2021 will trigger a matching gift by the Stinnett family, dollar for dollar – helping us remain debt free and fund construction of The Center for Learning, Art and Enterprise and two teaching homes.

Inside every teaching home we build, we will provide life skills and independence in their very own home!

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT IS NEEDED TO HELP US FUND TWO HOMES - EACH COSTING \$750,000!

*"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*

Land of Dreams Capital Campaign

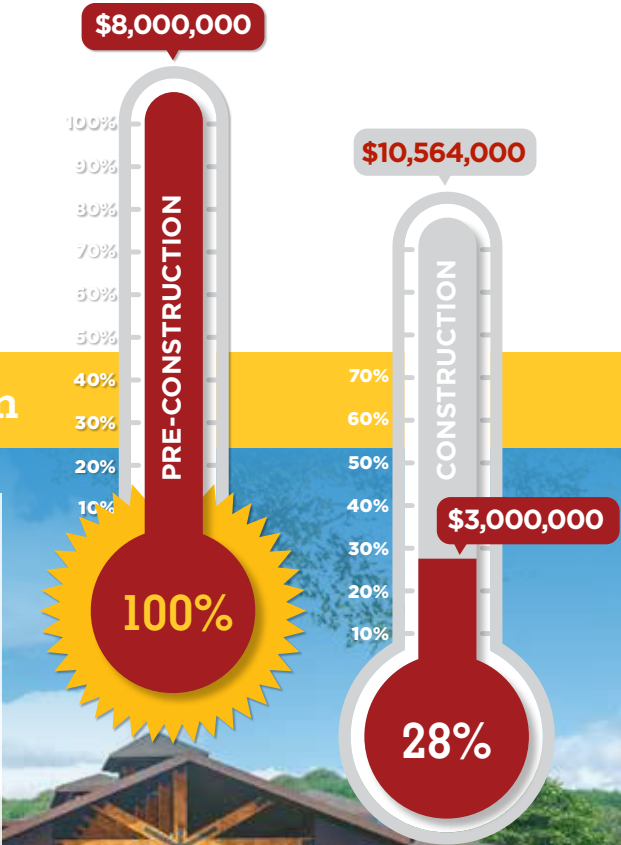
KEY HIGHLIGHTS

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 - \$3,000,000 to date!

- Center for Learning, Art & Enterprise
- Two Homes



COMMUNITY AND STATE LEADERS GATHER FOR

“A Brighter Future for Tennessee”

“I want Tennessee to be a leader in this country. This is going to be an example to the country of what can happen.”

“BrightStone is a leader in our state when it comes to caring for adults with special needs.”

There are moments when you realize that the things that you do outside of your regular every-day life are really worth it – and in fact - eternal.

This is going to be an example for the country of what can happen, the role that you play in showing the world that we can better a portion of our population that needs us to help them be their best.”

~ Governor Bill Lee

In addition to providing whole life care for adults, they also give much-needed support and assistance to the families of these individuals. What I personally feel is even more impactful about BrightStone is that they strive to meet the spiritual needs of the individuals who are engaged here. At BrightStone, love abounds. People are validated for who God created them to be and the abilities He has given them.”

~ First Lady Maria Lee



Brenda Hauk and BrightStone Board Chairman Mike Cairnes



Tennessee Senate Majority Leader Jack Johnson



Franklin Mayor Ken Moore



Williamson County Mayor Rogers Anderson



BrightStone Architects Earl Swenson Associates Dick Miller, Chairman; Sam Burnett, Principal



Gordon Inman, Linda Moore, Ken Moore, Will Powell



Calvin Lehew, Emily Magid, Andy Marshall

Brenda Hauk invited BrightStone students Alea and Reggie to the stage to present Governor Lee and First Lady Maria a beautiful ceramic platter hand-made by BrightStone students.



Community Leaders Gather to Show Support for BrightStone's Land of Dreams Project!



*Al Buckley, Jr.,
Lee Smith*



*Senator Jack Johnson,
Susan Bridges, Dr. Colin Looney,
Terry Bridges*



*Doug and Dawn Vander
Weide, Randy Elliott,
BrightStone Director
of Advancement*



*Bob Speck, Dr. Trent and Cathy
Wallace, Sally and Dave Worland*



*Andy Sale, Dr.
Colin Looney, Amy
Sale, Pam Horne*

BrightStone's Expansive 23,000sf Center for Learning, Art & Enterprise Now Under Construction!



Our General Contractor



Main Entrance Rendering



Entrance Roundabout Rendering

YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE – AT BRIGHTSTONE!

Join the BrightCorps

We were blessed to have First Lady Maria Lee volunteer at BrightStone to spotlight her Tennessee Serves Initiative!

BrightStone volunteers, our "BrightCorps", helps with our day program, our events, administrative and special projects, as well as maintaining our facilities and vehicles. BrightCorps also engage in service projects at BrightStone and on our 140-acre Land of Dreams campus.

Why Volunteer?

BrightStone is my "happy place". When I have the privilege to spend time with BrightStone adults and staff, all the corporate job pressures just melt away.
 ~ HCA Employee Brian

For more information about volunteering,

please contact Elaine Farmer at elaine.farmer@brightstone.org or call 615-790-4888.



Forest Hills Baptist Church and friends walked all 140-acres – praying for BrightStone and for the resources needed for the Land of Dreams project.



Grace Christian Academy students volunteering at BrightStone.



Volunteers from Forest Hills Baptist Church come each month!

Contact Elaine Farmer to inquire how your church can partner with BrightStone at Elaine.Farmer@BrightStone.org or 615-790-4888

Thank you!

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POP-UP STORE
 Dec 4-11; 10-2 p.m.
 4174 Columbia Pike, Franklin

LOBBY STORE
 140 SE Pkwy CT, Franklin



First Lady Maria Lee Volunteering working side by side with BrightStone students Jon, Barbra, Reggie; and teacher Jacob."

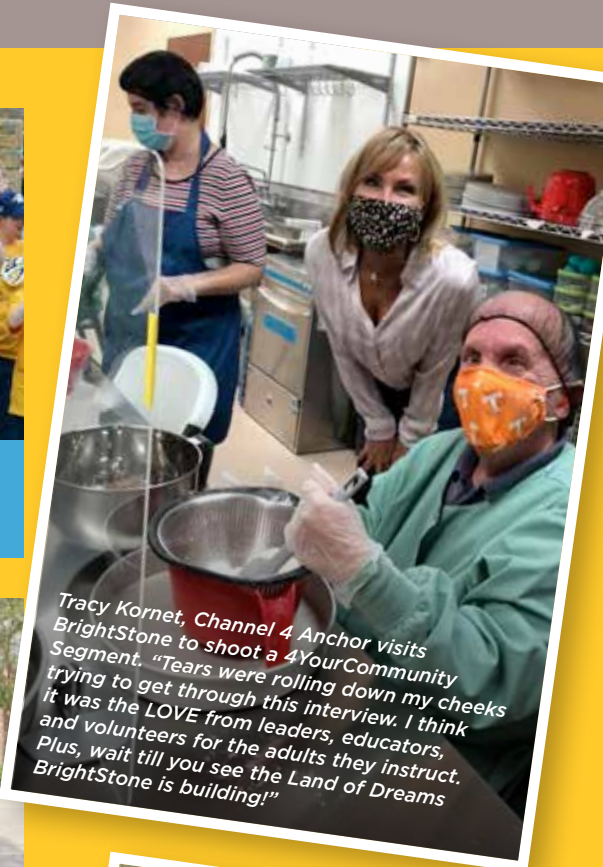


Great Holiday Gifts!

COMMUNITY PARTNER SPOTLIGHT!



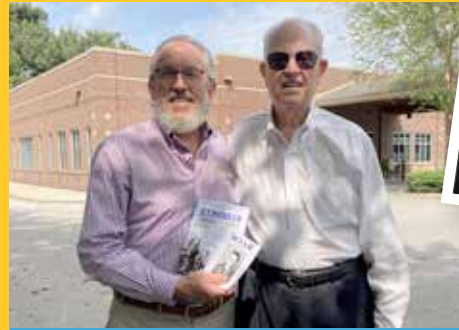
BrightStone was thrilled with Predators Foundation Grant funding a touchless water-filling station to keep our students and staff healthy! Predators staff presented a check to fund our water-filling station for our wellness program!



Tracy Kornet, Channel 4 Anchor visits BrightStone to shoot a 4YourCommunity Segment. "Tears were rolling down my cheeks trying to get through this interview. I think it was the LOVE from leaders, educators, and volunteers for the adults they instruct. Plus, wait till you see the Land of Dreams BrightStone is building!"



Amy Williams HR Manager from APCOM presents a grant for Bowlability to BrightStone students Tracey and Reggie!



BrightStone was honored to have Major General Carl G. Schneider of the U.S. Air Force come for a tour.

BRIGHTSTONE STUDENTS ENJOYING OUTDOOR FITNESS AND FALL ACTIVITIES



Franklin Athletic Club owner Lisa Kirchner leads fitness class



BrightStone's Lead Teacher and Program Associate, Lindsey, teaches pumpkin decorating in Pinkerton Park.



Catherine



Mark



Tammy



Elissa



Barbra



Reggie



COMMUNITY SUPPORTS BRIGHTSTONE'S MISSION TO HELP ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS!

GOLFERS HELP RAISE RECORD \$235,000 FOR JIM HINTON MEMORIAL GOLF BENEFIT!

BrightStone's annual golf benefit attracts many new corporate and individual sponsors, first-time golfers and first-time donors. Now in its 20th year, BrightStone golfers have raised over \$2.3 million, helping fund our life-changing programs. Thank you sponsors, donors, golfers, and volunteers - your support each year makes our mission possible! And special thanks to Scott Bailey and The Governors Club for hosting our event on their private course!

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

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Breakfast Provided by Bar-B-Cutie Smokehouse

Lunch Provided by Chuy's



Jim Lackey receives MVP (Most Valuable Promoter) Award for having the most donors.



BrightStone student Jon Hasty comes very close to winning the putting contest!

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"Jim loved serving on BrightStone's board. Our family is honored that BrightStone named their golf benefit in his memory." - Linda Hinton

Team Hinton

Top Fundraising Team Maddie's Golfers - Andrew Elvin, Todd Officer, Jim Anisi (Top Fundraiser), Jeff Pettiford





13th Bowlability Surpasses \$100,000 FUN-raising Goal!

Thank You!



*BrightStone students LOVE Bowlability!
Kate, Allen, Jennifer, Justin (back), Kat
and Alea (front); and Brenda Hauk (right)*



Jessica, Stephanie and Kate



*Top-Score Team! Agony of deFEET
Dr. Ron Derr, Dr. Geoff Watson,
Darren Harris, Lyndsay Sullivan,
Brandon Newcomb*



*BrightStone
student Justin
is so happy he
won a prize!*

This was our 13th year for BrightStone to host Bowlability at the Franklin Entertainment Center and more than 350 people participated helping raise a record \$135,000! Since inception, Bowlability has raised over \$883,000 funding our life-saving programs. Our online auction was such a huge success we plan to include an auction during our 2022 Bowlability. Contact us if you have an item you want to donate!

BOWLED OVER PARTNERS - \$5,000 +

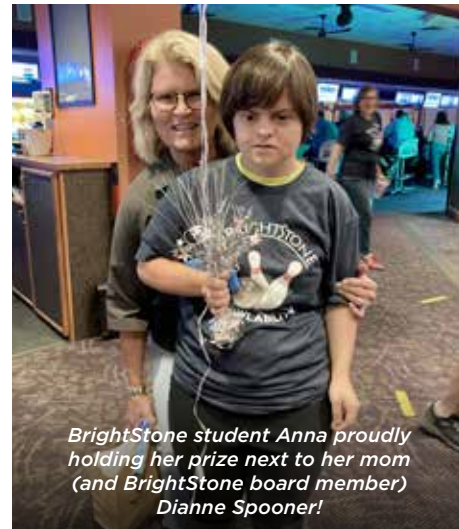
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Colin and Mary Looney
In Memory of Christopher Scott Oakley
Kaitlyn Peay
Brian Perkinson
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*BrightStone student Anna proudly
holding her prize next to her mom
(and BrightStone board member)
Dianne Spooner!*





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#GIVING TUESDAY

GivingTuesday is a global day of generosity on November 30, 2021. Every act of generosity counts. GivingTuesday 2021 will fund BrightStone's Scholarship Program to assist families needing assistance with tuition costs.

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