

PLANNING YOUR LEGACY



In her lifetime, Emily Magid has accomplished a lot. She grew up in Nashville but found her home, and heart, in Franklin 26 years ago. “I care about the community, I really do,” she says. “I’ve been a part of most everything going on here”.

“I didn’t know about BrightStone until my friends, Marilyn and Calvin LeHew, asked me if I would like to go see some of the students and tour the property,” says Emily.

But during her visit, she got that feeling in her heart when she walked through BrightStone’s doors. “Everybody is so in tune to sweetness, innocence, and happiness. It’s really an indescribable feeling,” she says. “My interest has always been partnerships, which allow people to get involved. They broaden horizons and the minds of people. Within minutes, I knew BrightStone was an organization that I wanted to fully partner with.”

Emily knew her intuition was right. *“Love is what life is all about – truly. BrightStone loves people and they just hit your heart,” she says. “When your heart is glad, the world is good. After my first visit, I could see it and I could feel it. I knew this vision that BrightStone had was essential to adults with disabilities and their families in our community”.*

Since becoming a Founding Partner of BrightStone’s Land of Dreams Capital Campaign that launched in 2017, Emily has seen BrightStone’s Land of Dreams go from a vision to reality. “It’s just been a great ride and it’s so exciting to see the whole dream come to fruition,” she states. “It didn’t happen overnight, and it didn’t happen by just one person. It takes everybody to make some big dreams like this come true.”

When it comes to giving, Emily has two rules. First, you can’t take it with you. “When I die, I want what’s left to go to places that mean so much to me. That’s why I added BrightStone to my Will, to help them establish an endowment,” she says. Her second rule is that to give you must give from the heart. “It doesn’t matter how small or big a donation is. Giving is not a competition. It’s just a sweet thing that makes the world a better place. Long after I’m gone, BrightStone will still be here and that is the only thing that matters – not who did what. My family may all be gone now, but now I get to pick my family - and I picked BrightStone as being a part of my family and life.”

When thinking about BrightStone’s need for awareness, Emily says, “I just want to grab all my friends and everyone in the community by the hand, call BrightStone and say, ‘we’re on our way - I’m bringing friends for a tour!’ I believe in BrightStone that much.”