# WHO WE ARE

Upon graduation from high school at age 21, individuals with special needs often face an uncertain future. They don't have a job or school to go to every day. They are not connected to a community. They don't have a way to develop hobbies or to stay active.

There is no graduation from an intellectual disability and there is a significant need for continuing education and training after high school. It is a lifelong need. Brother's Keeper enriches lives, gives hope, meaning, and purpose to a population that is otherwise overlooked and easily dismissed.

Brother's Keeper is a faith-based education and enrichment program. We provide a place for adults with special needs to maximize their God-given potential within a supportive community.

# We provide a place for adults with special needs to maximize their God-given potential

It is unique to our region because the curriculum and program are tailored to the needs and special abilities of each participant. The benefit of individualized instruction is far more important for the student with an intellectual disability. They need practical education in accordance with their own abilities. Participants are given opportunities to develop self-confidence, personal satisfaction, and to form a community of friends

We are currently developing micro business enterprises - teaching skills that equip our participants to contribute to the enterprises. This offers them purposeful work and builds self-confidence. These include making pottery, note cards, food packaging, dog chew toys, and horticulture. The proceeds from these enterprises flow back into the program budget. Our enterprises give our participants a chance to shine and show the community how special they are and what THEY can contribute.

Looking to the future, we want to build a residential campus. We want to expand activities and learning opportunities and make these available to all attendees and residents. We envision it as a thriving community filled with joy and hope; where our participants continue to reach new milestones, expand their capabilities, and make this their home.

### **ENGAGE WITH US**

Brother's Keeper is a registered non-profit 501(c)3 organization. All donations are tax deductible. Because we do not accept any government money, Brother's Keeper is privately funded by donations from individuals, corporations, church partners, foundations, grants, tuition income, and the sale of participant crafted products.



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Brother's Keeper provides comprehensive learning opportunities for participants. Our focus is to help them develop intellectually, spiritually, vocationally, physically, and socially in an individualized environment. Each person learns differently so our days are carefully planned with the purpose of working to meet the mission of our program as well as individual goals. Through a variety of learning opportunities, community exploration, and serving others, we are able to enrich the lives of our participants.

Everyone needs to have friends. Everyone needs a purpose; to feel like they are a part of something meaningful.





# WHAT WE DO

Intellectually – functional academics through educational activities with the goal of continued development and practice of basic skills

Spiritually – we believe that all individuals are created by God in the image of Christ. Activities are designed to foster the spiritual growth of the adults attending our program with dedicated time for devotions and group prayer every day.

**Vocationally** - Training in job skills and productive work habits through task assignments and the making of participant crafted products.

**Physically** – Instruction in healthy nutrition habits and daily exercise provide the opportunity to improve general health and wellness.

Socially – Experiences in relevant settings and community outings provide participants opportunities to practice and demonstrate appropriate social skills with peers and others

**Artistically** – Exploring all mediums of art while creating canvases of art to sell and making note cards

Brother's Keeper does not discriminate on the basis of any race, color, natural origin, or ethnic origin and conveys all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to all program attendees.