

# NEWSLETTER

## CELEBRATING OUR BOWLING FOR BK EVENT

We are thrilled to share the fantastic results of our 8th Annual Bowling for Brother's Keeper Event! Thanks to your incredible support, the event was once again a remarkable success! With such overwhelming support and an increased number of teams that registered to bowl, we even had to add an early session to accommodate everyone.

Our fundraiser brought together over 250 people for a fun-filled evening of bowling, while fostering a sense of community spirit and camaraderie. Through the enthusiastic participation of our community members, sponsors, and donors, we are proud to announce that we raised \$58,000 from our bowling fundraiser! This amount surpassed our initial goal and will directly support our efforts and make a tangible difference in the lives of the adults with intellectual disabilities whom we serve.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to every person who contributed to the success of our fundraiser. Whether you bowled with us, came to cheer on friends, sponsored a team, donated, or volunteered your time and efforts, your support played a crucial role in achieving our goals. We also want to offer a special thank you to our **King Pin sponsors**, Ballad Health, Dave's Waves Pool & Spa, Dermatology Associates, Pinecrest Veterinary Clinic, and Summers Taylor, Inc., whose support helped make this event a resounding success. Your generosity towards Brother's Keeper is deeply appreciated and truly inspiring.

Supporters and volunteers shared many experiences and heartwarming stories from the event. Their testimonies touched us deeply, reinforcing the importance of coming together as a community to create positive change. As we reflect on the blessings of our bowling fundraiser, we are filled with renewed hope and vision for the future. With God as our guide and source of strength, we remain steadfast in our commitment to finding our own building and pursuing our mission with even greater determination and impact.



Cecile Huddleston







#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Our 9th Annual Bowling for Brother's Keeper Event will be held on April 11, 2025

## **STAY CONNECTED**

e invite you to stay connected with us to learn more about our upcoming events, initiatives, and how you can continue to partner with us. Follow us on social media, sign up for our newsletter, or reach out to us directly. We would love to hear from you!

If you would like to invest in our mission, please visit www.BrothersKeeperTN.org/Donate. Donations can be made on our website or by using the Venmo and/or Paypal QR codes below. Your support allows us to continue serving this group of young men and women and create a brighter future for them.



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## **OUR FAITH MATTERS**

Incorporating the Christian faith into our program offers our participants a deep sense of purpose, community, and values. We aim to create a nurturing and supportive environment where individuals can grow spiritually, emotionally, and socially, guided by the principles of the Christian faith.

Here's why it's important and what we do every day to incorporate it into our program:

- **Morning Devotions:** We start the day with a time of prayer, scripture reading, and prayer requests, to set the tone and focus for the day ahead. One of our participants leads with a Bible verse as well as prayers at mealtime and the closing prayer time at the end of our day.
- » Bible Study: Christian faith provides a framework of values that guide our actions and decisions. It teaches principles of love, compassion, forgiveness, and integrity, which are essential for personal growth and community building. Activities such as Bible scavenger hunts and verse memorization are just a few of the tools used at BK to help guide and train our participants from a biblical worldview.
- **Worship Services:** We attend worship service once a month where participants can come together to praise God, sing hymns, worship songs, and hear messages that inspire and challenge them in their faith.
- » **Fellowship Activities:** We incorporate social activities where participants can connect with one another, build friendships, and strengthen their sense of community within the program.
- » **Service Projects:** Christianity emphasizes the importance of serving others and making a positive impact in the world. We incorporate activities such as volunteering and serving others, which empowers participants to live out their faith by helping those in need and making a difference in their communities.

By integrating these components into our program, we create a rich and meaningful experience that nurtures participants' faith, fosters personal growth, and equips them to live out their Christian beliefs in their daily lives.



#### Patrick, Victor, Kennedy, Nick, and Marcela

A year ago, Patrick and his family were anxious about him graduating from the public school system and not knowing what's next. "Brother's Keeper was heaven-sent for us. Patrick found new friends and honestly a whole new family. Everyone at BK is nice, knowledgeable, professional, and encouraging. They know when he needs help and go above and beyond in making adjustments that allow Patrick to do his best, to accentuate his strengths, and thrive in this environment. We are extremely grateful for the Brother's Keeper family."



"We are blessed to have a program like Brother's Keeper. It provides a safe, nurturing, educational, and spiritual place for Andrea to continue to develop. Without this program, I believe Andrea would be stagnant in her life. If Andrea misses a day at Brother's Keeper, she prays for her friends and is always eager to return. The bonds she has formed at BK are bonds that will last a lifetime."



#### « Evan and Karen

"Evan truly loves Brother's Keeper!! It is such a large part of his life! He thrives in the companionship of his fellow participants and the instructors. They have so much fun in a relaxed and enriching environment. I hope and pray that Brother's Keeper will continue to grow, so more people will have the benefit of this wonderful program."



"I have found so much at Brother's Keeper. A community of friends that provide me with high fives, warm smiles, and tight loving hugs each day. An environment where I can share my passion as an educator to help the participants feel empowered and excel to their fullest potential! Each one of these young men and women have impacted my life as I hope I have theirs."



Nondiscrimination Policy:

Brother's Keeper admits program attendees. It application procedures and daily operations do not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, or ethnic origin in the administration of its educational policies, admissions policies, scholarship program, athletic program, and other school-administered programs.

