

# NEWSLETTER

## Coincidence or God's Provision?

Inhroughout the Bible, the Lord reminds us that our dependence, our trust, and our hope should rest on Him. He is the provider of all our needs and His timing is perfect. There are moments, especially during transitional seasons of life, that we may doubt or worry whether God will provide. However, God owns everything, and His resources are unlimited. Our faith is strengthened when we see how He works through unexpected circumstances as well as the people He places in our lives.

Brother's Keeper has grown to reach the maximum allowed number of participants at our present location. Consequently, we have been praying for a new home, a home that would give us a more visible presence in the community and help spread awareness of our program. In June of this year, Brother's Keeper was blessed with a Legacy gift from an anonymous donor; we were so honored to be remembered by this person in this way. Just a few weeks later, a realtor friend of BK led us to an empty church building that was for sale and knew it would meet our needs. We made

sure this would be suitable for our next steps and in August of this year, Brother's Keeper purchased the property located at 2304 Roseberry Lane in Johnson City, Tennessee - for almost the exact amount of the legacy gift we received. This was not a coincidence, but rather God's perfect provision. This building is a significant blessing, offering opportunities for growth and expanding our mission. We will be able to minister to many more adults with intellectual disabilities and their families. We project that this new home will allow us to grow and triple the current number of participants in our program.

We are so thankful for the friends of Brother's Keeper who watched for a suitable property to become available for us. We have now partnered with an architect and a builder for the building renovation process. We anticipate that the design plans will be completed by late 2024 with construction to begin in the new year. Please follow us at www.BrothersKeeperTN.org for periodic reports on the renovation including video walkthroughs and updates. We are grateful for your continued support as we grow!



Cecile Huddleston



"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases: his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23



## How BK Will THRIVE in This New Season!

s the new Director of Development, one of the first things I wanted to do was to interview the families of the participants. I wanted to get to know the families and ask them more about their experiences at BK. When asked about how our participants are doing, their families continually tell us that they are excited to see their loved ones thrive. Acknowledging that vital idea of success, Brother's Keeper is launching the THRIVE Partner Program.

The THRIVE Partner Program honors those who choose to become monthly supporters of Brother's Keeper. This type of support helps sustain our ministry and helps us plan more effectively. Will YOU consider becoming a THRIVE Partner?

You can quickly set up a recurring monthly gift on our website. As a thank you for becoming a THRIVE Partner, you will receive frequent updates on how your giving impacts our participants with curated videos and emails. You will be one of the first people to see the new building designs.

We are so grateful for every gift and recognize all that you are doing to support Brother's Keeper.

YOUR ongoing support is key in advancing our mission and making it possible for Brother's Keeper and our participants to continue to THRIVE!



Micah Crews

## **Invest in Our Mission**

e are thankful for the many ways the Lord has blessed Brother's Keeper in 2024. As a result of your support, BK is a successful and rewarding opportunity for participants. You are an important part of our mission and our future! To remain steadfast in our mission, we hold true to these values:

- **Respect** We create an environment where adults with intellectual disabilities are welcomed, respected, and valued.
- **Empowerment** We help individuals with intellectual disabilities reach their full potential.
- **Community Engagement** We build connections and partnerships to raise awareness and foster community support.
- Compassion We serve participants with empathy, understanding, and kindness.
- **Growth** We continually seek ways to expand programming and opportunities for those we serve.

Your ongoing financial support allows us to continue this work and enact these values. Would you please consider a generous donation to Brother's Keeper in **your year-end giving**? This is a transitional time in the growth of BK and **your year-end donation** will help Brother's Keeper step into this season with joy, home, and expectation. We are filled with enthusiasm for the new season ahead!

# The Blessing of a Legacy Gift

Several years ago, a gift was assigned to Brother's Keeper by a Godly woman whose wish was to remain anonymous. She was a woman of great faith and believed in supporting God's work here on earth. She never married and didn't have children of her own and wanted to make her core values known to future generations. Her gift has been managed by Covenant Trust and Advisors up to her passing in June of 2024.

As a result of her generosity, Brother's Keeper will continue to be a successful and rewarding opportunity for participants and can offer families hope for a brighter future for their family members. We will be forever grateful for her philanthropic heart and legacy.

# The Difference YOU Are Making



#### « Robert, Sonya, and Laura

Brother's Keeper has enhanced Sonya's life tremendously. It's a place where Sonya can expand her imagination and creativity. It's a place where she has wonderful interactions with her friends. BK days are her favorite days!!! We are forever grateful for Brother's Keeper!

#### Samir and Brinda »

Brother's Keeper has been a lifesaver. Their compassionate staff has given our son, Samir, a sense of belonging and purpose. We're eternally grateful for the positive impact they've made on his life.



## Ways to give to BK





### **Relief Work**

Our hearts go out to everyone that was impacted by Hurricane Helene. So many people have lost their loved ones, their homes, and everything they owned. One of our BK families lives in Erwin, TN and has neighbors that were severely affected. We believe it is so important to instill a heart of service in our participants and show them how to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We knew we needed to step into action and help in some way. We may be small, but we are mighty together. The above image shows just a fraction of what our participants, staff, and their families have been able to bring in for flood relief. It is incredible to watch our community come together in this time of heartbreak.

Our prayers are the most profound way we can continue to help those that have suffered. In this time of widespread suffering, we pray daily for the strength, mercy, and hope from God who is the source of all our needs.

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