



Helping to Fulfill the Mission!

When I started working with Brother's Keeper in June 2024, I knew very little about the lives of adults who live with intellectual disabilities. I am still learning about the needs, challenges, and triumphs of our participants and their families.

I promptly realized that many people are unaware of the needs within this community. Their life experiences haven't included the need to provide support for adults living with disabilities.

Services and supports are available for children with challenges and for those with intellectual disabilities. However, it is not widely known that those services and supports cease once they reach adulthood and leave the school system. The difficulties and challenges they face do not end! These adults experience a shrinking community circle and are dependent on the ability of a parent or guardian to provide care and community.

I have the joy of sharing the Brother's Keeper story each week. I often see the light of understanding ignite in the eyes of potential donors. Some are spurred to action while others ask more questions. I look forward to sharing the story to help our participants and their families. BK provides them with an excellent program of support, opportunities to thrive, and intentional community.

I have learned that the need to love, help, grow, thrive, and connect are not just good ideas, but universal needs for all of us. Our participants have an amazing capacity to meet new friends, extend open hands of connection, and share their own caring hearts with others. They welcomed me in this way. I am proud to say that I get to work for our participants and help them become the beautiful expressions of life that God created them to be and helping them have a place to continue to thrive.

The new building gives us an opportunity to continue to grow. We need your partnership to fund our annual needs and help us to launch the building renovation. Your commitment to support us allows BK to help more participants and families in the community. With your help, we can be a beacon of hope for adults with intellectual disabilities in the Tri-Cities region.



Micah Crews

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Parent Impact Story

Michael enjoys being part of our church usher ministry. He hands out service bulletins and greets everyone in his friendly quiet way, as they arrive. I have had quite a few people approach me letting me know that they will wait to receive their bulletin from, rather than another usher! Michael and I also volunteer to make sandwiches for the homeless community through our church. He enjoys the “assembly line” process of placing the cheese on bread as sandwiches are made. Michael’s personality has become more confident after he started attending Brother’s Keeper which has helped his interactions with the community. Each morning, we discuss the schedule for that day, so he knows what to expect. He enjoys the friendship group he has developed over the past three years. I am very thankful that Brother’s Keeper gives Michael a feeling of purpose and fun during his week!





Top: Mother and daughter bond over bowling
Middle: 'Livin' On A Spare' team photo
Bottom: Team celebrates a strike

STRIKE! What a Night at Our 9th Annual Bowling Fundraiser!

We are still riding the high from our incredible 9th Annual Bowling for Brother's Keeper fundraiser! Over 275 community members came out to bowl, cheer, laugh, and support our cause. The lanes were packed with laughter, friendly competition, and heartwarming moments that reminded us why we do what we do. Thanks to all our bowlers, donors, volunteers, and community cheerleaders; together, we raised over **\$72,000** to support the work we do for adults with intellectual disabilities.

From unexpected strikes and spares, to silly team names, matching uniforms, and enthusiastic high-fives, the atmosphere was exceptional. Each pin knocked down symbolized our efforts in breaking down barriers for those we support — for which we are deeply appreciative.

Special thanks to:

- » Our King Pin Sponsors: Cox Universal Group, Dave's Waves Pool and Spa, Dermatology Associates, Pinecrest Veterinary Clinic, and Summers Taylor
- » Our winning team from Ernest Campbell Development
- » Everyone who attended and made the night successful!

Your support helps us continue creating a space where individuals with intellectual disabilities are celebrated, empowered, and fully included in our community.

You can view the photos from our event by visiting <https://brotherskeepertn.org/bowling>. Also, **SAVE THE DATE** for our 10th annual Bowling for Brother's Keeper fundraiser on **Friday, April 17, 2026**.

Philanthropy Corner: Donor Advised gifts help BK and YOU!

A Donor Advised Fund (DAF) is a convenient and efficient way to support causes like Brother's Keeper while also maximizing your tax benefits. By contributing to a DAF, you can make a one-time donation that grows tax-free and allows for flexible, ongoing support to the charities that matter most to you. Why Use a DAF?

- » **Immediate Tax Deduction:** Contributions to a DAF are tax-deductible in the year they are made, which means you can receive an immediate tax benefit while supporting Brother's Keeper.
- » **Tax-Free Growth:** The funds in your DAF grow tax-free, allowing your charitable contributions to have even greater impact over time.
- » **Flexible Giving:** You can direct grants to Brother's Keeper on your schedule, choosing how and when to distribute funds. This makes it easier to plan your charitable giving and support our mission in a way that fits your timeline.
- » **Streamlined Process:** Once your DAF is set up, you can easily arrange for regular grants to be given to Brother's Keeper and other organizations, reducing administrative effort and allowing you to focus on what matters most.

By using a DAF, you gain the flexibility to support Brother's Keeper with ease, enjoy significant tax advantages, and help sustain our programs in a way that aligns with your charitable goals.

Nondiscrimination Policy:

Brother's Keeper admits program attendees of any race, color, national origin, and ethnic origin to all rights, privileges, programs, and activities generally accorded or made available to program attendees. Its 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.