



BROTHER'S Keeper NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Giving back and assisting others is the basis of community service. Serving is an active deed of love that moves the hearts of others and offers comfort. It links us to our others as we provide a service to those who need it most.

Typically, Brother's Keeper instills giving back through community service at least once per week. It teaches us to think of others rather than self; the value of giving of ourselves; and in turn we experience the joy of helping others. It is one of the valuable approaches we use to enrich the lives of our participants. Serving others gives everyone a sense of purpose and meaning. Our participants know they are helping people in need and it is an extremely rewarding opportunity for them!

We asked some of our participants, "what does it mean to you to serve other people"? One young lady said, "to show them that I care". Another said, "it makes other people happy". They all agreed unanimously that they love serving at the food bank and described serving there in the following ways: "helping homeless" or "helping people who don't have food". Serving together has taught them teamwork, time management, and communication with others. It is a joy to see the satisfaction they feel knowing they have helped someone and that they are a part of something bigger than themselves.



"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others. 1 Peter 4:10"



We have not been able to get out into the community to serve since early last year. Our participants have missed those opportunities to serve, so with the help of a few Brother's Keeper supporters, we created a way to do our part to help others during this ongoing pandemic. With donated materials, the participants put together a number of care bags for those who are homeless or at risk. While still maintaining social distancing procedures, they were able to be involved in safely assembling the care bags which included masks, sanitizer, blankets, gloves, hats, snacks, and wipes. In a small way our participants were able to serve those in need and provide supplies that they might not be able to purchase. Each participant was so ecstatic to be able to place his or her item in the bags and see the final product go out the door for delivery!

As we serve our population of adults at Brother's Keeper, we will continue to impress the importance of serving others and our community.



Cecile Huddleston

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FEATURED ARTICLE

I retired from Johnson City Schools in 2018, having worked as a Middle School Counselor for 25 years. I loved working with middle school students and spending time after school in special activities, with 19 of those years coaching boys' and girls' cross country. Before teaching in the Johnson City schools, I was the Career/Life Counselor at Northeast State Community College. Since retirement, some of my time is spent playing tennis, bike riding, crafting, and playing French Horn with the Johnson City Community Band.

One of my most rewarding activities is teaching clogging every Monday at Brother's Keeper. I look forward to the smiles and hugs each week as I walk through the door. The smiles continue as we take turns practicing our steps in the middle of the circle. It is amazing to me as I watch them encourage and support each other week after week.



Donna Wilkinson

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Bowling Update

We have made the decision to **POSTPONE** the April 16th Bowling for Brother's Keeper event as a result of the ongoing uncertainty surrounding the Coronavirus situation. We will let you know as soon as we have a revised Bowling Fun-Raiser plan.



The purpose of this event is to bring people together FUN-Raise and create awareness for our unique program. We are so grateful for your participation in our event over the past several years and your partnership with Brother's Keeper. Meanwhile, we appreciate your prayers for helping Brother's Keeper to be all that we can be for our participants, families, our staff, and the community.



Engage With Us

Brother's Keeper is a registered non-profit 501(c)3 organization, EIN 37-1757836. 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.

Your gift will help us meet the needs of this community of people that face an uncertain future without opportunities for continued education and personal growth. You can help make it possible to continue our work and create a brighter future for these individuals. Please consider investing in our mission; we appreciate you partnering with us!

The following are a few of the ways in which you can join our mission to serve these special adults and make an impact on their lives.



Become A Donor

Consider becoming a Friend of Brother's Keeper and sign up to become a regular monthly donor.



Gifting

Donate Appreciable Assets, Gifts of Stock, Gifts In-Kind, or include Brother's Keeper in your Estate Planning.



Gift Matching

See if your employer has a Matching Gift Plan in which they will match employee's contributions to charitable organizations.

Please contact us at chuddleston@BrothersKeeperTN.org if you would like to discuss the above contribution opportunities.

To donate by credit card or PayPal, please visit our website at www.BrothersKeeperTN.org/donate.

Or mail donations to:

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