



2015 Mission Appeal

Nurturing Faith



MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

A Christian ministry of loving service and education



Planting Seeds

Each year, more than 1,000 students from 100 area schools volunteer at My Brother's Keeper.

Young people are the future. As their parents and grandparents, aunts and uncles, our greatest hope is that they will learn to value what we value.

They are typically introduced to My Brother's Keeper by a friend, a family member, their church or school.

What do they find here that keeps them coming back?



Warm smiles, a kind hello, and a welcoming community made up of many generations and backgrounds. The My Brother's Keeper family feels like an extension of their own family. They belong. They find something else that just feels right:

the joy of service.



Spreading Faith through the Joy of Service

Fostering this joy of service in people of all ages, especially the young, is at the heart of our mission "To bring the Love and Hope of Jesus Christ to those we serve."

When young people volunteer at My Brother's Keeper, they serve alongside adult volunteers who are mentors. These mentors sometimes teach with words, more often through the power of example... their selflessness, their patience, their compassion, and their service performed without judgment.

Students learn much from their fellow volunteers but they learn the most when they enter the homes of our neighbors in need, encountering their struggles and witnessing their faith.

On deliveries, young volunteers are sometimes nervous at first but they quickly realize people are more alike than different. Show them someone who's hurting, give them an opportunity to help and young people will always rise to the challenge—even if it means carrying an entire household of furniture to the 3rd floor!

The greatest gift we offer our volunteers is the opportunity to present the crucifix to those we serve along with our message, "We're just the delivery people. The furniture is from Him." The crucifix is the visible sign of God's love for all of us and it's just as transformative for the giver as the receiver. For a young person, giving the cross to another is often an epiphany—they

realize for the first time, "Wow... God can work through me!"

We clearly help shape the character and faith of young volunteers. What gifts do they bring us in return? In addition to their talent and hard work, young people bring passion, idealism, and a fresh perspective which keeps My Brother's Keeper vibrant.

We appreciate our young volunteers and the people we serve do, too. Jon, a teen delivering food to an elderly woman named Betty on

a stormy day, smiled broadly when she singled him out: "Do you know who you are? You're my sunshine on a very rainy day!"

Betty's simple words taught Jon the profound joy of service better than any class could. It's a lesson learned well by young people at My Brother's Keeper and it gives us all hope for the future.

The youth who serve with us today are destined to be tomorrow's leaders. We are privileged to have a hand in shaping their character.



Please Help

Please support our Mission Appeal. Your contribution will bring comfort and the Love and Hope of Jesus Christ to those we serve AND nurture the faith of our young volunteers who serve in Christ's name.

Thank You



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"My children grew up volunteering at My Brother's Keeper and the experience has helped define them as caring young adults. They've seen what it means to go without and they're aware of the suffering of others. My Brother's Keeper has taught them values you can have faith in."

— Carol Shipkin,

Parent of Volunteers Kara and Tim



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