

Did You Know?

- As a matter of policy, every delivery made by My Brother's Keeper is accompanied by a symbol Christ.
 - A crucifix is offered as a gift at each furniture delivery.
 - Food deliveries include a picture of Christ and the words "Jesus hears your prayers and He does not forget you."
 - All Christmas presents carry a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" label remembering the true meaning of Christmas.
- Prospect Hill Company, a religious articles store in Brockton, has supplied all our crucifixes at cost since 1988, saving My Brother's Keeper more than \$80,000.
- The MA State Council of the Knights of Columbus funds the purchase of 750 crucifixes each year through a \$4,000 annual grant.
- In a survey of this year's Stonehill College volunteers, 84% said "my faith was strengthened by my time at My Brother's Keeper" and 100% described My Brother's Keeper as "an excellent place to volunteer."
- Our staff and volunteers begin and end each day in prayer. We pray for our deceased community members and the prayer requests we receive, we thank God for the privilege of serving people in His name, and we say the 'Our Father.'
- Our facility in Easton rests on property owned by the Congregation of Holy Cross who lease us the land for \$10/year. The Congregation's motto is "Hail the Cross, Our Only Hope."



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Jesus Christ to those we serve."

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The Power of the Cross...

When co-founders Jim and Terry Orcutt started delivering furniture in the spring of 1988, they searched for a way to show families in need that it was God providing help through them.

Everyday on their drive up Route 138, they passed a hand-made sign nailed to a tree which read

“Remember the Cross.” The sign was God’s inspiration to provide a crucifix as part of every furniture delivery.

“I remember the first time we gave out a cross like it was yesterday,” Terry reflected. “It was to a woman named Marie. She thanked us for the beds and kitchen table and we told her, “Don’t thank us, we’re just the delivery people... this is the man who sent you the furniture” and we handed her the crucifix.

Marie broke into tears, holding Jesus in her hands, and said, “He’s always been there for me. He’s the only one I can depend on.”

Our service always points to Christ who touches hearts and changes lives.

“On that day, when the first cross was passed from one to another, the ministry of My Brother’s Keeper was born,” said Jim.

Since then, this scene has been repeated thousands of times. We’ve given away more than 16,000 crucifixes over the past 23 years.

The image of Christ’s suffering embodies our mission “To bring the Love and Hope of Jesus Christ to those we serve.” It is a reminder that God understands our pain. He suffered too.

The crucifix transforms a delivery of physical objects into a sacred experience. His cross touches hearts and changes lives— both those we serve and those who serve with us.



“The furniture and all the extras are like new. The men on the delivery were very sweet, very nice. But the gift at the end — the crucifix — was like the frosting on the cake. It’s what I needed the most.

After they left, I sat on my new couch, holding onto God and cried. It felt good once I stopped. I am finally getting back on the right road, giving a lot of thought to the good going on, to the good in people. I am really feeling God again. And for that, I send my biggest thanks of all.”

—Patricia, a recipient

“I saw many different reactions to the crucifix. Some people were moved to tears, others put it on the wall or with their most prized possessions. When it was my turn to present the cross, the power of such a selfless statement of God’s love had as profound an effect on me as it did on any of the recipients I saw.”

—Dan Wemple, Summer Intern
University of Notre Dame



The Power of our Actions...

Our work for God is effective because we combine a symbol of Christ with our important physical services—furniture, food and Christmas assistance—always delivered with dignity and respect.

The cross does not limit our service in any way. We help anyone in our area regardless of religion and, following the example of Christ, we serve without judgment and without cost.

Serving in God’s name inspires us to strive for excellence and do more than we ever thought possible. We set new records each year —just under 7,000 deliveries in 2010 with only six paid staff!

How do we accomplish so much and shine as a beacon of goodness in our community?

It’s through our tireless volunteers acting as the heart and hands of Christ each time they assemble boxsprings for children sleeping on the floor or when they arrange clean, beautiful bed linens with decorative ribbon.

We reflect God’s steadfast love when our volunteers brave the Boston traffic to pick up fresh produce in Chelsea, when we stay open 7 days a week in December wrapping gifts or when

we make deliveries in rain, snow and late on Christmas Eve...and in so many other ways.

It’s not just what we do at My Brother’s Keeper, but how we do it—with great love joined by a symbol of Christ—that reveals God at work in us and makes a lasting impression on those we serve.

To keep Christ in our work, My Brother’s Keeper accepts no government funding. We rely exclusively on the generosity of you and other individuals, families, businesses, and foundations.

In making a gift to the Mission Appeal, you will help us meet the essential needs of local families and bring Christ’s love and hope to those who need Him most.



*“Preach the Gospel at all times, when necessary use words.”
— St. Francis*

Ways to Contribute

- Personal checks payable to My Brother’s Keeper, P.O. Box 338, Easton, MA 02356
- Donate using credit/debit cards. Visit www.mybrotherskeeper.org or fill out the response card.
- Consider monthly giving — make a series of check or credit card contributions.
- Arrange a corporate contribution from your employer’s charitable foundation or matching gift program.
- Consider naming My Brother’s Keeper as a beneficiary in your will or for any other type of gift from your estate.

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