My Brother's Keeper
A Christian ministry of loving service and education

Our Mission:
"To bring the Love and Hope of Jesus Christ to those we serve."

Along the Way

We deliver furniture, food, and Christmas assistance free of charge to local families in need with no prerequisites for service.

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"We're just the delivery people. This is the man who sent you the furniture."

"Thinking of how many families you have blessed gives me goosebumps"

By Beth Collins



My Brother's Keeper expects to serve about 3,500 families this Christmas.

A dedicated team of 20 operators—both staff and volunteers—starts on intakes in August because it's a big, big job to process that many requests with the care, concern, and compassion they deserve.

I'm blessed to be part of the operator team and took a special call on September 9 from Courtney in Roxbury, a single mom of two boys ages 11 and 16.

In one way, it was a typical call. Courtney was totally ready with the sizes and gift ideas for her kids. But when I asked, "How about a gift suggestion for you?" she had no idea what to ask for herself! This is very common because the parents we serve are so selfless. They always just think of their kids, not themselves.

I started to give Courtney some ideas and she was drawing a blank on her gifts until I got to bedding.

"It gets really cold in our apartment," she said. "Our heat is included in the rent, but it's always drafty especially at night. If warm bedding is a possibility, that would be the perfect gift for me."

As we were finishing the call, Courtney said, "I just have to say how much this means to me. This year everything is SO expensive and as a single mom, it's been really, really hard to keep up."

"This is my first time getting help from My Brother's Keeper for Christmas as a parent. When I was growing up, though, my mom used to call My Brother's Keeper for Christmas."

"We would see the Christmas bags arrive in December and I was always a "peeker" so I teased my siblings that I knew what they were getting. It drove them crazy!"

"I'm 37 now and I remember our Christmas bags from My Brother's Keeper like it was yesterday. My gosh, thank you for everything you guys have done for over 30 years now. Just thinking of how many families you have blessed in that time gives me goosebumps. God bless you all!"

Courtney's conversation with Beth is affirmation of the impact and enduring nature of our Christmas Program. Though Courtney's childhood Christmas gifts are probably long gone, the memories of her family being served with kindness, love, and faithfulness still remain strong decades later.

For families who struggle today with daily expenses, Christmas can be heartbreaking—a major stressor for parents and a real disappointment for their children.

By coming together as a loving Christian community, My Brother's Keeper changes that and helps make Christmas a joyful celebration of Jesus' birth for 13,000+ children and adults living all over eastern Massachusetts.

There's no better birthday gift we could give Jesus who said, "Whatever you do for the most humble of my people, you do for me." (Matthew 25:40)

To join us in this truly miraculous Christmas effort, please return the enclosed cards for our **Adopt-a-Family Gift Program** and **Loaves & Fishes Food Program**.

A reminder that our Christmas effort starts in prayer each year with our Gratitude Mass the Friday night after Thanksgiving. Please join us!



Friday, November 27th at 6:00 pm
Sally Blair Ames Sports Complex • Stonehill College
124 Belmont Street, Easton, MA

Homilist – Deacon Matt Porter, Hingham Catholic Collaborative Parishes of St. Paul's and Resurrection

Reception following Mass
Priests, please bring white alb and stole to concelebrate.

We invite you to bring one unwrapped gift per family for children to bring to the altar.



Annual Board Day of Service

"To Lead is to Serve"

Since 2009, My Brother's Keeper has held an annual Board Day of Service when members of our Board of Directors and Development Boards come together to pray, serve, break bread, and reflect along with our staff and other volunteers.

The day is an expression of our philosophy that "To lead is to serve." We believe that our leadership team should be out in the community serving local families in need to inform their decisions and keep them connected to the work of My Brother's Keeper.

This year's Board Volunteer Day was held on Thursday, October 22nd at our Easton facility. The day began with Mass celebrated by Fr. Tim Mouton, CSC, a member of the Board of Directors. The boards helped make 42 furniture and food deliveries followed by an inspiring group reflection.













The Message that Mattered Most of All

By Josh Smith

My Brother's Keeper's annual Board Day of Service is always a high point in our year. A little after 10am that morning, I pulled out of our Easton building onto Route 138 on our way to a furniture delivery in Canton. I had a number of board members with me—Jack O'Donoghue, Bill Suneson, Rich Wade, and Matt Payette. All four are long-time volunteers but it was Matt's first furniture delivery.

Twenty minutes later we arrived at a nice-looking apartment complex and were met at the door by Marie, a 67-year-old grandmother. As we followed her inside, we quickly realized that the apartment was bare and Marie had been sleeping on an air mattress for the past three weeks.

Marie explained, "I lost everything in my last apartment because of mold in the building." As an asthmatic, Marie had a serious reaction to the mold and felt she'd been treated poorly by her previous landlord. However, Marie was clearly a very positive person, ready to move on and simply looking forward to welcoming back her daughter and four-year-old grandson, Isaiah, after they'd been separated by the infestation.

If there was a silver lining to losing her old apartment, it was that her new apartment was a major upgrade. Marie told us, "I'd been waiting for a Section 8 housing voucher for ten years, and thank God, it came through just in the nick of time." This brightly lit, two-bedroom apartment was beautiful and at $3,150 per month, typically well out of reach for the families we serve. It's hard to understand how families make it these days.

We quickly filled the two large bedrooms with beds, dressers, nightstands, and baskets filled with linens, pillows, towels, a shower curtain and bathmat. As we came and went from the apartment, I noticed that Marie seemed to be working just as hard as we were. Sure enough, by the end of the delivery, Marie had unpacked all the boxes of dishes, pots and pans, and the large food delivery we bought them. A neatly arranged bowl of fresh fruits and vegetables on the counter suddenly made this empty apartment feel like a home.

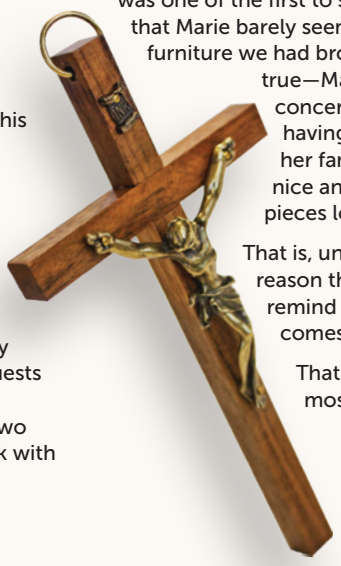
The open-concept living room and dining room had a good amount of space, allowing us to carry in a sectional sofa, recliner chair, coffee-end table set, lamps, and a dining table with eight chairs for hosting the family for dinner. It looked incredible! But what caught my attention were two unusual special requests Marie had made: a curio shelf to display family pictures in her dining room and two counter-height stools so she could cook with Isaiah. It was easy to see what really mattered to Marie.

With the apartment fully furnished, it was now Matt's turn to give out the crucifix which he was doing for the first time. If Matt was nervous, he didn't have a chance to show it, because five words into the presentation—"We're just the delivery people"—Marie began to cry and threw her arms around him and then each of us. She already knew God had sent the furniture.

One of the highlights of this annual day of service is the time we set aside after lunch to reflect on the deliveries as a group. Bill was one of the first to share, reflecting that Marie barely seemed to notice the furniture we had brought her! It was true—Marie seemed far more concerned about simply having the ability to reunite her family rather than how nice any of the furniture pieces looked.

That is, until we got to the real reason that we were there, to remind her that the furniture comes from God, not us.

That message mattered most of all.



Partner Spotlight: Corey C. Griffin Foundation



Corey C. Griffin Foundation

On a beautiful Saturday afternoon this October, members of the Emerging Leaders Council (ELC) from the Corey C. Griffin Foundation came to the Easton facility of My Brother's Keeper and helped deliver healthy groceries to 30 families in Brockton. The ELC is a program for young, Boston-area professionals who are committed to shaping the future of philanthropy.

Members of the ELC drove from as far as Marblehead to volunteer that day. They not only volunteered their time but also brought donations of baby diapers that were included in the food deliveries made that very afternoon.

At one delivery, the volunteers arrived at the doorstep of one of the recipients and were greeted by the mother of the family and her 4-year-old son. Within seconds, her 6-year-old daughter arrived at the doorstep and cried out, "My Brother's Keeper!" She walked over to Sarah, a member of the ELC, and wrapped her arms around Sarah's legs. Sarah reached down and embraced the little girl. It was a precious, poignant moment without any words being exchanged.

This is what we do at My Brother's Keeper. The food, furniture, and Christmas gifts we deliver are important, but what is most important is the love and hope we deliver each time we arrive at someone's doorstep.

We are grateful for the wonderful partnership with the Corey C. Griffin Foundation and the ELC. The love and humility their volunteers show every time they are with us reflect our values and mission.

New Event! Mustard Seed Music Festival



"My Brother's Keeper has grown tremendously from two people—a little mustard seed—into a large bush that attracts not the birds of the air but people who help others in need, who let them know that God loves them."

— Jim Orcutt, Co-founder
My Brother's Keeper

The Parable of the Mustard Seed from the 4th chapter of the Gospel of Mark has tremendous meaning to our ministry and our co-founders, Jim and Terry Orcutt.

Growth has always been the lifeblood of My Brother's Keeper. We need to continue growing our community of volunteers and supporters in order to serve more neighbors in need and accomplish our mission "To bring the Love and Hope of Jesus Christ to those we serve." We believe the Mustard Seed Music Festival is one way to accomplish this.

On Saturday, June 26, 2027, My Brother's Keeper will host this first-time Christian music festival at the St. John Neumann Church grounds in Freetown, MA.

Five well-known Christian artists will play on one stage throughout the day and will gather the largest crowd in My Brother's Keeper event history. We're anticipating two thousand in attendance.

The award-winning Christian music band, We Are Messengers, will headline the Mustard Seed Music Festival and four additional artists will be revealed in the months ahead.

To purchase tickets and be part of this landmark event for My Brother's Keeper, please scan the QR code above or visit www.MustardSeedMusicFestival.org

1st Annual Bill Lane Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament



This past January, My Brother's Keeper lost one of its most kind, lovable, generous, and dedicated community members, Bill Lane Sr., founder of Superior Plumbing.

Bill loved the mission of My Brother's Keeper and strengthened our work in countless ways, one of which was founding our annual golf tournament in 2006. Bill brought together his friends in the plumbing and construction industries to attend the event. Under his leadership, the golf tourney was always 100% sold out and it raised more than $2,000,000 over the years to fund food and furniture deliveries to local families in need.



To honor Bill's legacy of goodness, it was only fitting that we changed the name of the event to the "Bill Lane Sr. Memorial Golf Tournament." This year's event was held at Foxborough Country Club on September 14th. The weather was perfect—not a cloud in the sky!—and a highlight of the day was Bill's grandchildren posing with his life-size cut out picture. He was truly larger than life.

Fittingly, this year's event was the single most successful golf tournament in our history raising more the $151,000 net income due in great part to our phenomenal sponsors including our Ace sponsors F.W. Webb, Plumb House, and Superior Plumbing; our Platinum sponsors Atlantis Comfort Systems and Keith Construction; and our Grand sponsors 401kQuote.com, Donna & Andy Camiolo, The Dowd Agencies, Emerson Swan, FIA / Lochinvar, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Swan, and Schlager Company.

We offer our special thanks to our golf committee, John Anderson, Dave St. Cyr, Norman Fine, Gary Grillo, Billie Klegraefe, Tom Lanahan, Bill Lane Jr., Peter Martin, Frank Monroe, Nancy Monroe, John O'Rourke, Glen Schlager, and Brent Trethewey.

Turning Sunshine Into Service

Over the summer and fall, My Brother's Keeper installed a 61.48 kW solar array on the roof of our Easton facility in partnership with Second Generation Energy in Milford, MA.

The 116-panel system is expected to generate about 70,000 kWh of electricity annually and meet the full electrical needs of our building 8 months of the year.

The environmental benefits of our new solar array are impressive… the equivalent of 141,379 gallons of gasoline saved, 1,383,735 pounds of coal saved, 53,465 trash bags of waste recycled, or planting 20,941 tree seedlings and growing for 10 years.



Perhaps most importantly, the project makes great financial sense. Over the lifetime of the project, the net savings to My Brother's Keeper is estimated to be $482,927 with a payback period of under 5 years and 19% return on investment per year.

As a 100% privately-funded charity, My Brother's Keeper is dedicated to strong financial stewardship and our cost savings will translate directly into more local families served in the coming years, in effect, turning sunshine into service!

Special thanks to the Greater Boston Food Bank for their capacity-building grant which helped fund this project.

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Two New Faces Supporting **One** Mission

My Brother's Keeper recently welcomed two people into new roles that support the same purpose: building community and strengthening our work bringing help and "the Love and Hope of Jesus Christ to those we serve."

Fiona Hutchison

Event Coordinator



Fiona Hutchison joined the staff of My Brother's Keeper in October as our Event Coordinator.

Fiona most recently worked at Starland Sportsplex where she coordinated and executed up to 25 events per week.

Fiona was responsible for overseeing all event logistics including scheduling, vendor coordination, and catering to ensure seamless execution and she describes herself as someone who loves bringing people together and creating experiences that leave a lasting impression.

Fiona is a graduate of St. Anselm College where she was deeply involved at the Meelia Center for Community Engagement. She worked with staff to design and implement leadership development initiatives for fellow students and helped direct campus-wide programming to foster inclusion and strengthen community engagement.

Fiona is thrilled to be working at a faith-centered organization. "I am truly appreciative of the opportunity to join My Brother's Keeper and become part of a team so committed to its mission and the people it serves."

Mark Jussaume

Easton Development Board



Mark Jussaume recently joined our Easton Development Board which helps My Brother's Keeper raise funds, create awareness, and assist with the planning and execution of fundraising events.

Mark began volunteering at My Brother's Keeper in the spring of 2025 after retiring from a 40+ year career as an engineer. He served for seven years as the CEO of TRO, a Boston-based, multidisciplinary healthcare design firm and the Director of the SmithGroup's Boston location after it acquired TRO.

Mark and his wife Diane have been active parishioners at Holy Cross Church in Easton since 2008. He has served the parish in various capacities including as a Eucharistic Minister and member of the parish council.

Last fall, Holy Cross Church replaced several hundred wood kneelers as part of a renovation project. Woodworking is one of Mark's great passions so with his pastor's blessing, Mark has been repurposing the wood to make tables to be delivered by My Brother's Keeper. In Mark's words, "We deliver these tables in response to prayer. These tables will be literally built on prayers."

Words of Gratitude

"... I feel very blessed."

I have practiced as a registered nurse for over 29 years and recently became disabled. I am struggling financially, as my husband passed away 6 years ago. My Brother's Keeper is literally keeping my head above water. I have been a practicing Catholic since I was a child and I really struggled with my faith after many personal battles and losses. The team from My Brother's Keeper and the assistance has truly restored my faith and opened my heart.

Thank God for these amazing and generous people they saved me from literally starving to death with a huge financial drought and cut off from gov assistance at the same time. I had no way to a food pantry and to carry back all the items. No pantry is even remotely close to where I live so this was a lifesaver. I thank God and these amazing people for their help.

Y'all have no idea how much of a blessing the grocery stuff was to me and my daughter. It was more than I expected and the staff was so kind and helpful. The gift of a cross was amazing and now it's hanging at my door. God always provides and I'm grateful for My Brother's Keeper!

My Brother's Keeper has been such a savior for me between furnishing my apartment after being homeless and delivering me food when my food stamps were cut. Thank you and God bless you.

This is my first experience utilizing a food pantry, and every feeling of shame and embarrassment went away with every step of the process. Everyone was so kind and understanding. You also provide very nutritious options which I was not expecting. I feel very blessed.

Your help was a Godsend, really. I had not had a refrigerator for almost 3 months. My Brother's Keeper came through and gave me a fridge yesterday, and today they delivered food that will be great in preparing many meals.

Thank you all for all that you do! It is appreciated! Many days I'd have gone without eating if not for your help! I give to my neighbor, friends & family staples and parts of what I received when I have extra & it is helping the whole community be it direct or indirectly! Again a world of thanks.

Our Facilities



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My Brother's Keeper Prayer

Lord—

When I have food,
Help me remember the hungry.

When I lie in my bed,
Help me remember those who sleep on the floor.

When I have a warm home,
Help me remember the homeless.

When I have work,
Help me remember those without jobs.

When I experience the joy of giving to my children,
Help me remember the agony of those who must watch their children go without.

By remembering,
Help me destroy my indifference,
And arouse my compassion.

Make me concerned enough to act in your name,
To help those who cry out to you for that which I so often take for granted.

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