

# BOARD NOTES

By: Ward Chaffin  
Treasurer, Board of Directors



We have so much to be grateful for this Thanksgiving season! And I have some BIG news for you...

As the Treasurer for Springboard Landings, I'm the lead Board Director of financial management and oversight. Each month when we review financials, we're reminded of the generosity and belief in the mission from our donors. It is heartwarming to see our community take a stand for adults with mild developmental disabilities and help answer the question "What happens when my parents are no longer available?"

The October financial report was the BEST to date! The anonymously donated land in Murfreesboro was sold and we officially closed on the **\$2.1 million** sale!! For a small non-profit with a big mission, our success is your success. We wouldn't be here without you!

And now we need you more than ever to make the flagship building a reality. Our biggest needs are:

- ◇ **Land** – A minimum of 2 acres in Nashville within a short driving distance to shopping and jobs. Donated or discounted land is the request. The hunt is on!  
**Email us with any leads at [info@springboardlandings.org](mailto:info@springboardlandings.org)**
- ◇ **Recurring Donations** – We're an all-volunteer Board, so every dollar goes towards our mission. Whether it's 5, 10 or 20 dollars per month, this greatly helps forecast our budgets. Go to [SpringboardLandings.org/giving](https://www.springboardlandings.org/giving) and click on "RECURRING DONATION". You'll be directed to our PayPal page. Be sure to check-mark the "Make this a monthly donation" box.

We are grateful for each and every one of you. Thank you for your support.

## Why 2020 Is A Great Year To Give



New tax incentives for charitable giving were included in the CARES ACT passed by Congress in March 2020.

- Non-itemized for individuals and joint fillers: Up to a \$600 deduction
- Itemized for individuals and joint fillers: Deduct up to 100% AGI
- For Corporations: Up to 25% taxable income
- For Taxpayers age 70 1/2 and older: RMD waived for QCD from IRA

**LEARN MORE** at [www.springboardlandings.org/cares-act](https://www.springboardlandings.org/cares-act)



(L to R) Attorney Cavan McCann, John Cooper, Kristina Krawchuk, Pat and Charlie Cooper



"12"



Artist Mike Ann Zinser



(L to R) Charlie and John Cooper, and Attorney Cavan McCann

# SPRINGBOARD SPOTLIGHT

## “Diversity: Beauty and Strength”

We want to highlight artist Michael Ann (Mike Ann) Zinser for her exceptionally moving artwork titled “12” in the annual Gordon Jewish Community Center’s Sukkah Art Exhibit. Springboard Landings was one of 36 local nonprofits invited to participate as part of the annual fall festival of Sukkot. Due to COVID protocols, the event was limited to small gatherings so we are bringing the event to you. Please read Mike Ann’s interpretation and how it encapsulates our mission and vision moving forward.

### Artist Statement

Beauty derives from diversity.

The canvas was inspired by ideas and symbols that represent the diversity, beauty and strength of adults with mild developmental disabilities who are focused on independent living in a residential, community-centered environment. It represents initial plans of 12 rooms/suites/homes within a community of people who might be a little different from others and are very much the same. Different in abilities and same in dreams, wants, and needs. **Twelve** different ‘birds’ in front of **12** different doors, leading to **ONE** home with an illuminated path of “We are the same, yet we are different”.

Looking closely beneath the layers of paint are words that embody this foundation:

**Diversity:** Divergence, Medley, Range, Variance  
**Beauty:** Artistry, Refinement, Fairness, Symmetry  
**Strength:** Courage, Tenacity, Brawn, Might

### WE HIT A MILLION DOLLAR MILESTONE!

Cheers to the silver lining of 2020 – over \$2.1 million in the bank!

In December 2016, 65 acres of land in Murfreesboro was anonymously donated to us to either build or sell. We chose to sell. It’s been a roller coaster of highs and lows with interested parties, zoning issues and city council requirements until award-winning builder, D.R. Horton, entered the picture to develop a community. The donor of the land prefers to stay anonymous but was overjoyed with the news saying, “I’m thrilled and excited about the sale of the property. There is a huge need for Springboard Landings here in Nashville. I’m just humbled to be part of the project and I hope others will step up and support their mission.”

We hope so, too, and we are more than ready to tackle the next chapter of Springboard Landings. Onward and Upward!

# COMMUNITY CORNER

Featuring Doyle and Susan Monday

By: Kristina Krawchuk

In 2007, a group of local parents visualized an inclusive community where their adult children with mild developmental disabilities would live independently and socially interact with others like them. By 2010, this vision became Springboard Landings, a 501c3 nonprofit based in Bellevue, Tennessee. At this time, Springboard operated solely on the passion of these parents, their families and their contacts. The persistence of building a better tomorrow for this underserved population never wavered; it only grew with fierce determination. It was this unyielding determination that garnered the attention of Susan and Doyle Monday. "I was moved by Charlie and Pat Cooper and their daughter Susan's situation," recalls Monday and Company President, Doyle Monday. "One of our children struggled with a learning disability early on. Fortunately, it was recognized and we were able to address it with therapy. Having four children and eight grandchildren, we know you'll move mountains to have your child succeed. We've been blessed with a successful business and we feel it's important to give back and felt a significant contribution would be something of an impetus because activity begets activity."



Doyle and Susan launched that impetus Dec 10, 2012 with a \$10k challenge. The organization had raised a little over \$11k by that time. Doyle said if Springboard Landings could raise \$10k, he and Susan would match it. Not only was that matching donation met, but Springboard Landings raised over \$35k that year and sparked a renewed enthusiasm to build an independent tomorrow for adults with mild developmental disabilities. The Mondays continue to support Springboard Landings with contributions now totaling more than \$90k.

Elated by the news of the recent Murfreesboro land sale, Doyle said, "This is a fantastic organization and fills a tremendous need here in Nashville. I'm so glad to see them leap forward. There is still a lot of work ahead – but now they are on the other side of the mountain and I expect things will start moving faster."

We are more than humbled by the philanthropic generosity of Susan and Doyle Monday and friends like you. Because of your continued support, we are now in motion to build a better tomorrow for adults with mild developmental disabilities.

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## A Word From Our Founders

By: Pat and Charlie Cooper

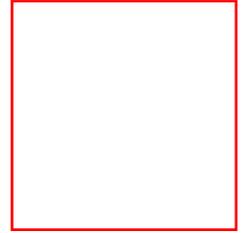


Our hearts are bursting with gratitude as we write this! We are eternally grateful to the anonymous donor of the 65-acre parcel of land in Murfreesboro as well as to all our generous family, friends, and supporters who have brought us to this point. We are ready for the next challenge of acquiring a location on which to construct our flagship building. With your continued support, together we will bring Springboard Landings to fruition! Happy Thanksgiving to one and all!

**Psalm 106:1 Hallelujah! Give thanks to the Lord, who is good**



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**TAX INCENTIVES FOR CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS**  
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**Providing adults who need a limited amount of support an option for independent living in a secure, community-centered environment.**

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