

SPRINGBOARD LANDINGS *MESSENGER*

NOTES FROM THE BOARD

BY REV MARK HUNT

There's a lot on our hearts at the moment. Locally, we witnessed the devastation from flooding in Humphreys County. Nationally, we saw the loss of life from the withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan. While our prayers and support are outbound for circumstances outside of our control, we're keeping our eye on the ball at Springboard Landings to effect change for adults with mild developmental disabilities.

Thanks to your generosity, The Big Payback annual online fundraising event in May was a big success, generating over \$31,000 in donations! And as Chair of the Hiring Committee, I'm happy to announce the addition of Elizabeth Woodliff as our new Operations Coordinator.

Where we need the most help at this time is land opportunities. We are looking for a minimum of 2.5 acres in Davidson or Williamson County close to shopping and employment opportunities. Any leads are appreciated.

Thank you and blessings to all!

***Let us not grow tired of doing good,
for in due time we shall reap our
harvest, if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9***



Rev Mark Hunt

Land Needed!

We are on the hunt for land to carry out the Springboard vision. We are specifically looking for a minimum of 2.5 acres of land in Davidson or Williamson County preferably close to shopping. If you know of any leads please reach out to Elizabeth at elizabeth@springboardlandings.org.



WELCOME OUR OPERATIONS COORDINATOR

Springboard Landings is excited to announce the official hiring of our Operations Coordinator, Ms. Elizabeth Woodliff. With a background in accounting and finance, Elizabeth hails from Yazoo City, MS and is a graduate of Mississippi State University. She’s been a Nashville resident since 2017 and her career path led her to us in pursuit of her interest in community development. Elizabeth has a close family member with a developmental disability which makes her acutely in tune with the needs of the community and the families involved. Her drive and passion is based on familial understanding. The Board of Directors is excited to have Elizabeth as a wonderful addition to our team!



Elizabeth Woodliff

MEET OUR NEW BOARD MEMBER

Caitlin Chin is a second-year MBA student at Vanderbilt University’s Owen Graduate School of Management, concentrating in Healthcare and Operations & Analytics. She is serving a one-year term on the Springboard Landings Board as a member of the Owen Board Fellows Program. Prior to moving to Nashville, Caitlin spent the last twelve years in Philadelphia attending school, working in the non-profit sector with people who were experiencing homelessness, and most recently, working as a medical social worker with the kidney transplant population. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Health & Societies and a Master of Social Work degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Caitlin is excited to apply her business school classroom knowledge to continue her work with the non-profit community. We gratefully welcome Caitlin to our team!



Caitlin Chin

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DONOR SPOTLIGHT:

FROM VEGAS WITH LOVE

BY CAROLE MAFRIGE

Bonnie and Clark Lamping's consistent support of SL over the years has been an absolute blessing, and they want to pay it forward even more by sharing their commitment with others and demonstrating just how easy it is.

Rarely have we seen a more perfect example of "community in action" than Bonnie and Clark Lamping. Bonnie, a Nashville native, met Springboard's co-founders, the Coopers, while attending Father Ryan High School. After obtaining her Masters in Speech and Language Pathology, family connections and wide-open spaces lured her to Las Vegas, Nevada where she settled and started a family with her husband, Clark. And despite her deep commitment to her new community, Bonnie maintains her connection to the people and places of her youth. According to Bonnie, "I feel like I have two homes, Nashville and Vegas!"

Both Lampings are deeply active in their community with their careers. Bonnie has worked for over 20 years in the Las Vegas school district in the general education as well as the special education environments. She started as a Speech and Language Pathologist (SLP) working with preschool children and now supervises 50 SLPs covering over 40 schools. Three years ago, she won the prestigious statewide People's Choice Award for Teachers from The Heart of Education panel.

Clark also interacts with children in inner-city schools, as well as colleges, and even veterans as a Fire Captain and National Trainer. He travels the country teaching fire science, safety, and methods, and shares career opportunities in the Fire Department.

Bonnie and Clark are united in their commitment to community and their deeply held humanitarian beliefs. According to Bonnie, "Clark and I have been blessed. We're middle class, we're not wealthy – but I look around and I feel like we're wealthy. And I feel that when you've been blessed with a lot, that it's your job to make other people's lives better too." Because of Bonnie's connection to the Cooper family, she began donating \$25 a month.



The Lampings

Bonnie's 70's themed Birthday Party from Left to Right:
Ryan (Angus Young), Clark (Elton John),
Bonnie (Birthday Girl), Jack (Leif Garrett)

With each passing year, at Clark's urging, she increased the monthly amount up to \$100 a month. "It's so easy." Bonnie explains that it's set up to happen automatically and she doesn't have to even think about it.

Bonnie and Clark helped once again at her 50th birthday party. She asked her guests to donate to SL in lieu of gifts. Many contributed online before the event. And in true fireman fashion, they passed a bucket around and guests filled it with cash. To date, Bonnie and Clark's donations have added up to a significant amount.

We are so grateful to Bonnie and Clark Lamping's generous contributions through the years. The consistency of monthly donations is truly important to the success of our mission. Their commitment demonstrates that it's not just the big donors that are important – everybody is important for SL to realize its vision.

**Without your generosity we would not
be this far in our mission to help
vulnerable adults live as independently
as they can. We feel confident that SL is
on the cusp of big changes and growth.
We are counting on your continuing
support.
Thank you!**



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