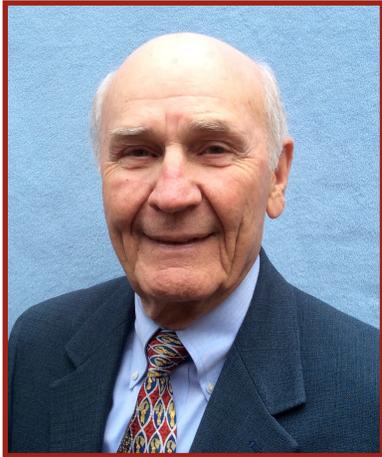


December 2017



A Message from our President, Charles Cooper

There is much gratitude in our hearts this Holiday season! We are blessed that so many of you believe in and support the mission of Springboard Landings. We are grateful to all our donors who have made it possible to keep the dream alive and sustain us while we are working diligently toward our goal. The donation of a beautiful 60-acre parcel of land in Murfreesboro, one of the fastest growing cities in the U.S., was a Godsend. This land is close to the 840 Interchange and is a prime piece of property for the right investor/developer. We are anxious to sell so that we can purchase land that meets the needs of our Landers and begin construction.

We reconnected with many of our Landers in August and met new families with potential Landers. The two questions most often asked are: When will Springboard Landings be built and where will it be built? We hope to answer these questions and give a timeline soon so our Landers can begin living their dream. Then the larger question will be answered: What will happen to me when my parents are no longer around?

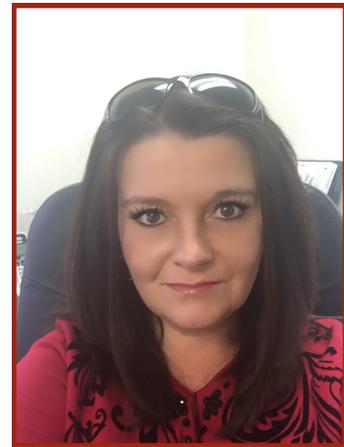
Please see the Memorial Tribute to Dr. Jim Cooper on the inside of this newsletter. He was one of our most avid supporters and we are saddened by his death. May you rest in peace Jim!

Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in Him. Jeremiah 17:7

A Message from our Development Director, Tina Jones

This holiday season Springboard Landings has so much to be thankful for. We are well on our way to making our vision a reality. We have so many loyal supporters and for that we are so very grateful. Our supporters have stuck with us over the years as we bring Springboard Landings to fruition, and now that vision is within reach. It has been such an inspiration to see so many individuals come together in support of this wonderful cause.

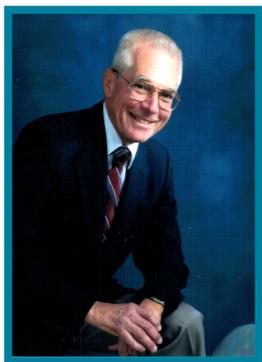
The past few months have been a flurry of activity as I have been busy reaching out to local organizations that can assist in bringing our vision into reality and have been connecting with those who can assist in making our housing affordable for this deserving population. In August, Springboard Landings held a luncheon (see inside) for anyone interested in gaining additional information about our progress and for potential Landers to be able to connect with one another. What a wonderful day it was to see so many young adults forging bonds that, because of Springboard Landings, could last a lifetime!



Springboard Landings is giving many thanks to all our generous donors and supporters this holiday season!!! Through your support we have come so far and together we can make a difference! Happy Holidays!!

A Memorial Tribute - James D. Cooper, DDS

4/8/28-11/22/16



We would like to honor the memory of Dr. James Cooper, a loyal and avid supporter of Springboard Landings. Jim graduated from the University of Dayton and from the Ohio State School of Dentistry. Upon graduation he was commissioned as a Captain in the United States Army Dental Corps. After a tour of duty in Korea, Jim set up practice in Fairborn, OH until 1988 when he retired. He was an avid golfer and camper, and loved fishing, bowling, card playing and antique cars.

Jim believed in the mission of Springboard Landings and showed it with words and action. His final gift was a generous bequest of \$210,000 from his estate. With deep honor, respect, and gratitude we bid Jim farewell until we meet again.

THOUGHTS OF A CONCERNED PARENT - PJ MCWILLIAM

Just this morning, I signed up for Medicare, as I will be turning 65 years old in a few short months. Although the younger of our two daughters has long since flown the nest, our older daughter, Kirsten, who will be 38 years old next month, is still living at home with me. Kirsten has developmental disabilities but is reasonably competent and highly motivated to be as independent as she possibly can be. In fact, Kirsten has now maintained 11 years of full-time employment in a housekeeping position at a local hospital, using the city buses to get to and from work every day. It's hard work with a low salary, but she works hard and is quite proud of what she does.



It's just Kirsten and me here in Nashville most of the time, as my husband works in Alabama. He has worked and lived in another state or time zone now for nearly a dozen years, coming home on weekends as often as he can. Although I joke with others about it being the ideal arrangement for a marriage, it's not. And it certainly wasn't how I envisioned our lives would be once the children had grown up. We do this in order for me to stay here in Nashville with Kirsten where she has a secure job with benefits, because I know just how hard we all worked at finding successful employment for her. I can only hope she has far more years of work ahead of her than we do.

We tried independent apartment living for Kirsten for almost 2 years and she did fairly well. Even then, Kirsten relied on me for assistance or guidance when she encountered situations she was unprepared to handle on her own. More importantly, Kirsten was lonely. She had no place to go, no one to call, and no one to invite over. And so, she returned home where I am her only source of companionship and support outside of work. It shouldn't be this way.

Turning 65, I often worry: What will happen to Kirsten if I become ill or have a sudden physical decline? Who will look after Kirsten's best interests when I die? Where will she live? Will she be taken advantage of? Will she be lonely? Become homeless? Although there are options available for adults with more significant disabilities, there are few, if any, alternative living options to be found for people who have milder disabilities. I can only hope that the concept and potential of Springboard Landings soon becomes a reality...for Kirsten and for other adults with mild developmental disabilities and their families. I love the idea of independent living in a secure environment where a little guidance is available if it's needed. Even more, I love the idea that Springboard Landings will provide opportunities for social activities and friendships with others who may also have experienced social isolation. After all, a sense of belonging is crucial for the well-being of each and every one of us.

HAVE YOU HEARD????

The IRA Charitable Rollover Law allows you to make a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA up to \$100,000 to Springboard Landings (a qualified public charity), WITHOUT HAVING TO PAY TAXES ON THE MONEY!!

- ◆ **If you are 70 1/2 or older, you can give any amount up to \$100,000 from your IRA to Springboard Landings.**
- ◆ **The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you still benefit even if you do not itemize deductions.**
- ◆ **If you have not taken your required minimum distribution for the year your IRA can satisfy all or part of that requirement.**
- ◆ **The transfer directly to charity, not to the owner, may be made in addition to any other charitable giving you have planned.**

If you are interested in this opportunity read more at <https://www.kitces.com/blog/qualified-charitable-distribution> . We urge you to contact your financial advisor or us at 615-719-9060 for more details.

Progress - Slowly but Surely We Are Getting There!



In August, Springboard Landings hosted an informational luncheon & gathering for potential Landers and all other interested parties wanting to learn more about our organization. John Camperlino with United Health Care Employment and Community First (ECF) - Choices Program spoke to our guests about waivers and services they could be eligible for, through the ECF Choices program. Springboard Landings Board of Directors and Staff spoke with guests regarding progress made, steps to take to bring Springboard Landings to fruition and ways that we are trying to move the needle towards our goal. We found it so inspiring to see many of our potential Landers meeting each other for the first time and beginning to forge friendships and bonds that could last a lifetime.

At the luncheon, we were thrilled to debut a preliminary design for our first apartment building (pictured below). We want to design a building that has the “feel” of a home to it but the community building capacity of an apartment complex. We are so excited to take these next steps in bringing Springboard Landings to fruition.



Check Out Our New Website!!! Same Location! **Great New Look!!**

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Building Community

As the year is closing, this will be the last chance this year to make a tax deductible donation to Springboard Landings! You can even make your donation in honor of persons on your gift list - making it truly a gift that continues! Use the enclosed envelope or go to www.springboardlandings.org and click on the DONATE tab.



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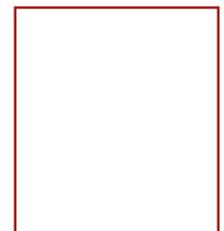


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