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## Helping those with Intellectual and **Developmental Disabilities** Live Full Lives

The Miles for Miles (M4M) Foundation was created in honor of Miles Peck, who was born with Down syndrome on July 22, 2009. M4M supports local nonprofits that enhance the lives of others with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD). Miles' parents, Kara & Chris Peck, created the foundation in hope of not only bringing awareness to those who live with differing abilities, but also helping provide greater opportunity amongst this community of individuals.

The M4M Foundation is a founding partner of the Best Buddies TN Jobs program that was formed in 2015. This program secures employment for people with IDD by allowing them to earn an income, pay taxes, and continuously and independently support themselves. The Tennessee program has been nationally recognized for their leadership and achievement. The M4M Foundation celebrates the success and partnership shared with Best Buddies TN.

In addition to the Jobs program, M4M has provided an array of support to organizations like Young Life Capernaum, the Ideal Program (Lipscomb University), Gigi's Playhouse, Down Syndrome Association, and The Nashville Dolphins- all of which help children and/ or adults with IDD grow with opportunity. Although the scope of the foundation's giving has been broad, the driving force stays personal to the Peck family through their son Miles.

The M4M Foundation recently joined efforts with the city of Brentwood and the Brentwood Rotary Clubs in building their first inclusive playground at Granny White Park with a proposed second playground at Crockett Park. In addition to being accessible, this inclusive playground will allow children of all abilities and developmental stages to play in the same space and create a nurturing environment for all. The Miles for Miles Foundation has been given the naming rights of the park for their commitment. Although the name is still being decided on, you can be sure it will provide Miles of Fun!



Many partners from the Vaco Nashville family have sponsored and/or participated in M4M fundraising and charitable events. The Foundation attributes their success to these special relationships. Thank you Vaco.



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