

HOPE AT THE BRICK HOUSE

To see every family loved and cared for



TayVeona



We are excited to spotlight a staff member, TayVeona. She, her sister, and her mom attended the BRICK House programs as young children. Her mom grew up on Ripley Street and was one of the first students in the programs over 25 years ago.

Suffering a heart attack at the age of 8, changed many aspects of TayVeona's life. Her mother was told she would be a vegetable the rest of her life or would not make it at all. But God had other plans! After losing all mobility and all abilities to eat, move, see, or do anything for herself, she worked through extensive therapy and came home in a wheelchair. She continued to "beat the odds", regaining every life aspect, except for sight. One year ago, she came to volunteer in our program to learn to navigate from place to place and began to help with small jobs.

She refused to let her sight limitations hold her back and was hired as a Program Assistant in the After school and Summer programs. During the program, you will find her independently getting the room ready for students, placing all the chairs at tables, filling the water cooler, preparing and serving snacks, wiping down tables, putting chairs up at the end of the day, and helping out with the students in their groups (Bible time, math, reading, and her favorite—crafts!)

TayVeona can see colors, has a Braille set of UNO and can very effectively beat almost anyone in the game! Fun facts about TayVeona are that her favorite color is purple, she loves ice cream, she won the Special Olympics in Bowling and the 50 m run, and she turns 20 years old next month! She says the three words that describe her are: nice, funny, and kind. We agree! She can also plan a good prank! One of her goals is to do more on her own.

HBH is currently fundraising for additional resources for TayVeona. We have explored some tools like special glasses and a specialized walking stick that would help her expand her current work capabilities, put to use her wonderful skills, and navigate the outside world as well. We are excited for her future and her future work with us!



HBH is hiring!

- **Part-time Office Administrator** Flexible hours according to your availability
- **Summer Program staff** Mon-Thur 8:30-3:00, OR 9:30-11:30 am
Mornings: Academics; Afternoons: field trips, educational, and games

Interested in either opportunity? Call our office at 563-322-0382!



WHAT ARE YOUR GOALS?

Group
2026 Goals

- ① Everyone to say all Bible Verses
- ② Follow the Commandments
- ③ Sing more songs
- ④ Bible Quizzes

AJ- Read the Bible every day

Jeremiah- Have a relationship with Jesus

Kairo - Read 3 verses a day

Julena- Finish the book of Job.

DeMoni- Reading more chapters of the Bible. Take the time.

Elijah- Finish Bible devotional

Unique- Read the book of Revelations

Aniyah- Read devotional

Jedediah- Pray about being a pastor

Ledell- Grow closer to God by reading devotional



Happy New Year!

We look forward to another year to serve our kids and families! We have been back from Christmas break for several weeks and are getting back into the swing of things! We have been busy making winter crafts, learning about Martin Luther King Jr, setting some goals and painting with Mad Potter!

We never want to wish time away but we can't wait for warmer weather when we can be outside on our playground! Thank you for all of the ways you support us!

We could not do this without you!

Katie Program Director

