

UB4ME Foundation: Our Story

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On March 17th of 2018, John Davison received a text message from a family he knew well. He had coached a special-needs baseball team that their son played on. The message read that the excellent big sister of the family had passed away. The family invited John to the funeral and told him that they wanted to move as soon as possible. They couldn't bear to be in the home that she had so lively occupied. Previously, John had met her and liked her; she reminded him of one of his own daughters. Sitting in his vehicle, John tried to make sense of the brief message and the weight of grief the family was carrying. What pain.

After attending the funeral, John mulled over the prospect of accepting their request for his representation as a real estate agent. Something wasn't right about getting paid for an interaction like this, one born of tragedy and friendship. He decided to take a smaller commission from the sale and asked the family to designate it to a charity, instead of profiting from it. The family liked the idea of doing something good for the community and chose Miracle League of the Triangle. It was the special-needs baseball league where she had shared laughs with so many others, one where she cheered as her brother ran across home plate, one where her full life was demonstrated in her excitement and love.

Time passed as the house sat on the market. Despite John's attempts at finding a buyer for this home, one could not be secured. The family stuck with John through the months, though staying within this home was very difficult for them. John was torn over how long the process was taking and went to God in prayer. It wasn't until December of 2019 that the house finally sold. Finally, this family was able to move on with their lives.

This experience was a living piece of John's career and journey. John wanted her story to live on and created a scholarship to assist Miracle League families through areas of financial hardship. The Miracle League Scholarship, as it's been titled, is currently awarded to families in need each year.

Twenty-two months after the message that sparked this journey, John felt a strong sense of unrest. Emotional, he sat in silence and prayer. Contemplating his own spiritual journey and his path as a real estate agent, two worlds seemed to collide. Every transaction should be more like this one, giving back, healing, and strengthening communities. The experience of call washed over John as he viewed his current career as his mission field. He writes, "God called me to blend my gifts and talents as a real estate professional with a spirit-filled heart and soul for ministry."

Early in 2020, the UB4ME Foundation was born. It's mission is to enrich communities by establishing relationships between local nonprofits, real estate agents, and the neighbors

they serve. With values that include unity, inclusion, equality, and empowerment, UB4ME Foundation equips it's agent members so that they can strengthen the neighbors they serve.

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