Nearly 60 years ago, community champions believed higher education could be a key building block for our region. With much hard work and perseverance, North Central Education Foundation, our predecessor, was founded and established Elizabethtown Community College.

Over the decades the foundation, as well as the region, grew and evolved. Through this, our focus, attention and commitment to serving the communities we call home only strengthened.

Now, our current Board of Directors, comprised of today’s community champions, has embarked upon another key building block for our region. We are building a new facility to better serve our customers. It will offer meeting and gathering spaces for the community, as well as CKCF offices. The facility, Central Kentucky Community Foundation’s Home of Philanthropy, creates opportunities to bring people together around their philanthropic interests and showcase the great work of philanthropy in our communities.

Just six years ago, we expanded our philanthropic services when we became a community foundation. One thing that remains the same is the great community support for our work.

And through this support, the community has spoken. Our community needed and supports a local community foundation. This support has created the need for expanded space for us to serve our donors and community partners. Growing philanthropic efforts need a home where people can coalesce and nurture ideas, connect with organizations and thrive.

We know philanthropy’s role in community development will continue to increase in the coming decades. I am gratified our board is investing in this key building block to grow philanthropy in our region. We look forward to welcoming you into our new home.

Home of Philanthropy

Home evokes feelings of happiness, comfort and belonging. The English Oxford Living Dictionaries defines home as “A place where something flourishes.”

Flourishing is precisely what CKCF’s new building, the Home of Philanthropy will exemplify. A home where caring people come together to grow ideas and thoughts around creating a better tomorrow for our region. It’s where collaboration and shared ideas come together to spark new projects and programs to enhance the lives of others. It’s where those thoughts and dreams will flourish and take root.

We will be breaking ground soon on the Home of Philanthropy. Once complete it will create a dedicated space to foster synergy and strengthen relationships. The collaboration that will take place in this home will prompt new ideas for addressing what matters most to the people we serve. It’s a trusted place for nonprofits, businesses and organizations to convene, collaborate and host events, while offering a permanent home to accommodate the growing work of CKCF.

“Since 1960, we have remained committed to our ideals and values, to serve the philanthropic needs of our region,” said Jeff Richardson, CKCF Board Chairman. “This new home will be a welcoming place for ideas that enhance our community. It strengthens our ability to grow philanthropy in our communities, providing additional capacity for charitable programs, services and events.”

CKCF’s new location will be at 200 Jim Owen Drive, Elizabethtown, on land owned by the foundation for nearly 60 years. With the proximity to partners, like the Early College and Career Center, Elizabethtown Community and Technical College and Hardin County Public Library; an enduring symbol of the generosity of philanthropy, this was a natural choice for the Home of Philanthropy.

It is often said, home is where the heart is. The Home of Philanthropy is where our heart will reside and flourish. The heart of those making a difference. The heart of those determined to bring comfort and happiness to others. The heart of those who are changing lives.

The grand opening is expected for the summer of 2019.
Board of Directors and Staff

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“Over twenty years ago, a group of Hardin County citizens, including Mayor Patricia Durbin, County Judge-Executive R.R. Thomas and local philanthropist Bill Swope, decided it was time for this area to have a Community Foundation. This would be an organization that would assist citizens of central Kentucky to pool their charitable giving to better meet the needs of the community in numerous ways. That Foundation became a reality and now is bursting at the seams in its tiny headquarters on Dixie Ave. in Elizabethtown. It is so great to see that the Foundation will soon be moving into its own modern home next to the Hardin County Public Library—providing a place not only for its future growth but also a convenient community room for civic groups and organizations to meet. This is truly a win-win situation for all central Kentucky.”

- John Scott, CKCF Founding Board Member

It’s an inspiring place of celebration for individuals, families, businesses and organizations making a difference in our community. -Al Rider

“There is no American tradition more responsible for our well-being than our willingness to give to others. Philanthropy, our love of one another, is an anchoring symbol of our community’s generosity. It is a perpetual endeavor of our citizens, a defining characteristic of our community, and one of the reasons we are proud to call this place home. And there is no other feeling like home.

The Home of Philanthropy is both a place to connect with others and a mindset. It distinguishes and expresses our collective kindness, the feeling of belonging, of being active in doing something good for the generations to follow. It’s an inspiring place of celebration for individuals, families, businesses and organizations making a difference in our community.”

- Al Rider, Retired CKCF President and CEO

“We are fortunate to have the opportunity to help our communities for future generations, thanks to the vision and leadership of Central Kentucky Community Foundation. As CKCF focuses on the forever investment of philanthropy, not just for Hardin County but the entire region, we have seen the desire people have to enhance our community. What a blessing philanthropy is for our communities, and now we will have a home to bring people together from across the region.”

-Pat Durbin, Former Mayor of Elizabethtown

LET’S DO SOME GOOD TODAY!
We’re Breaking Ground

Please join us as we celebrate the groundbreaking of CKCF’s

Home of Philanthropy

Where the community comes together to enhance the lives of others.

FRIDAY, APRIL 20, 12:00 PM

Ceremony entrance on Jim Owen Drive beside Hardin County Public Library

200 Jim Owen Drive
Elizabethtown, KY

Just as we look forward to welcoming you into our Home of Philanthropy when the building is complete; we hope you can join us at the beginning of this construction journey.

RSVP to contact@ckcf4people.org or 270-737-8393

HOME
A place where something flourishes.

PHILANTHROPY
The love of mankind. A desire to promote the welfare of others, expressed especially by the generous donation of money to good causes.

MISSION STATEMENT
Central Kentucky Community Foundation is the philanthropic focal point in the region, serving as a resource, leader and catalyst to people who wish to improve life in their community.
Home of Philanthropy: A Regional Building Block

Central Kentucky Community Foundation’s philanthropic work has played a significant role in the development of our region with efforts such as the founding of Elizabethtown Community College, which support a thriving community.

Community support and desire for expanded philanthropic services and space have accelerated our transition to a new building.

By building a permanent home on land we have owned for nearly 60 years, we can create a space to serve the community long-term.

We will cover the cost of the facility through: CKCF has set aside funds for many years for this purpose, CKCF Board members have made a 5-year financial commitment, and designated gifts.

CKCF has always taken the long view. As the philanthropic leader of the region, the Home of Philanthropy evidences the bedrock of trust and integrity placed in CKCF.