

THE COMMUNITY BETTERMENT FOUNDATION

Summer 2021

NEW BEGINNINGS

Mike & Connie Roberts, of Mansfield, have donated the former Subway building in Hartville to the CBF. We are currently working on design and business plans to open an eatery at the location!

The Roberts family is known for being a strong pillar in every community they serve and reside in. They have raised five children and enjoy spending time with their 9 grandchildren as well. They currently own four Mansfield Building Supply stores and Weaver Inn in Mansfield.

Connie graduated from Hartville High School and it was always her desire to have something wonderful serving the community in their building. We are so thrilled that the Roberts family shares our vision for our community to see it thriving, and that they were willing to come alongside us to help that vision move forward!



MOVING ALONG

A short-term planning team for the new building project has been created for the old Subway. The building will be called “Thrive Annex”, although the eatery will have its own name. The planning team has created a building design plan and is working on a business plan as well. The board has officially approved the design plan and the remodel work has begun! Members of the team are Doug Glenn, Janel Griffin, Kristin Williams, Lauren Hughes, Troy Kirk, Richard Rosenkoetter, Jackie Coltrane, and Mary Helsley. It’s a priority of the board and team to be as efficient and cost effective as possible without compromising our goals while working on this project. Our goals include: Meeting community needs with an eatery, classroom, community meeting space, providing jobs, and an after-school snack program for youth as phase one in the Student Education & Training Program, creating an atmosphere of expectation so that when people walk in, they will see, hear, and feel the mission of Thrive, building community relationships, and meeting long term needs utilizing both buildings.

GRANT AWARDS

The CBF applied for a very competitive Community Development Block Grant in 2019 that was denied. We reapplied for the grant in 2020 and have recently been approved to receive **\$492,338** in grant funds to be applied towards the Thrive Center project. We are extremely thankful for the community support for the past two years, especially the support of Mr. John Davis in memory of his wife Sandy. It was the community support and the new roof that showed progress that greatly increased our odds of receiving the grant. Work will begin within the next 90 days for this project.

We have also received a \$10,000 grant from the Wright County IDA for use in the remodel of the Thrive Center Annex project. These funds will be used for eatery remodel. We are still raising funds & applying for grants for this project as well.

MISSION MINDED

The Thrive Center mission is all about strengthening the community and families, and inspiring positive development and enduring excellence to help our local communities thrive. The Annex building will provide a safe, encouraging, forward-thinking environment. There are many aspects of the original vision for Thrive that there was not room for in the original building. Having both buildings will ensure that the vision is carried out to its entirety.



Mountain Moving Ministry

The Mountain Moving Ministry has officially expanded their ministry and moved into the Hope House in Hartville! We are super excited to be teamed up with this ministry and to work with the guys living in the house. They are already hard at work in the Subway building helping with demolition! The house will be discipling 10-14 men at a time. Please be praying for this incredible transition for the MMM guys. If you are interested in supporting the MMM Hope House please contact Johnathan McClure 573-836-2840 or send your donations to us earmarked for the MMM house.

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