



# THE CAPITAL COMPASS



## Construction has Commenced!

It's hard not to notice the activity happening these days behind our Downtown Branch! In mid-September, construction commenced on our Early Learning Center. Crews have leveled the site and spread stone donated from our friends at National Lime & Stone. We're looking forward to seeing the foundation poured and other structural elements installed for this facility that will be like no other.

I've been attending weekly construction meetings led by our team comprised of RCM Architects and ACI. We'll continue to keep you and the public updated through this newsletter and on social media regarding the ELCs progress throughout this year-long endeavor.

I'd again like to thank everyone who helped make our Sept. 9 groundbreaking a big success!

Several community leaders, elected officials, and members of the public came together to help us celebrate the start of this project. Speakers ranging from Findlay Mayor Christina Muryn to State Rep. Jon Cross expressed their support and emphasized the regional need for this learning center.

We're already planning the ELC's grand opening celebration, which will be fun and exciting for the entire community. Thank you all – members, staff, and community members – for supporting our capital campaign in numerous ways, including with your enthusiasm!

Best regards,

*Stephanie Parsons*

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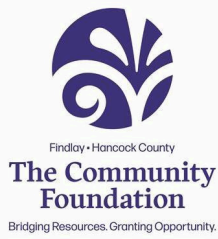
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## Supporter Spotlight

Meeting complex regional needs with people-focused, integrated giving solutions has always been at the heart of The Findlay-Hancock County Community Foundation's (TCF) mission.

That's why leaders say they financially and philosophically support the Findlay Family YMCA's Early Learning Center (ELC). The project's promise to holistically address childcare availability issues is, they say, something that has been needed here for years, and offers an approach that makes sense for everyone.

**"Childcare "is one of those key pieces that if you don't figure it out, all the rest of it is going to fall apart," said Kimberly Bash, TCF's chief community engagement officer.**

TCF has given \$250,000 to support the center's construction.

Along with providing innovative learning and programming space to serve more children and their families, the ELC will also be a support resource hub for teachers and center instructors. It will also serve as a teacher recruiting tool.

The Y "is a big player," Bash continued. "They're a go-to when it comes to childcare expertise, they'll have a lot of capacity, and they'll have that new space. So, they're well positioned to make a big difference."

"I firmly believe we are at our strongest when we work together, and childcare is just one example of this. The YMCA Early Learning Center is an example of the power of partnerships," said TCF President and CEO Brian Treece, Ed.D. "Public, private, and philanthropic dollars are all coming together to support a project that will have a profound impact on our community for generations."



## Of Note:

- Stronger Together Capital Campaign content is now on our website. It includes regular construction and campaign updates, full donor/supporter stories, and more.
- Are you or someone you know interested in giving to the ELC project or the capital campaign in general, which will also include rebuilding the Downtown Branch and renovating the East Branch? If so, use the QR code below:



## ELC Fast Facts

- Starting in September, we had some initial digging and grading to level the site. A variety of utility work is now being completed.
- It takes a village to build a premier Early Learning Center like ours. ACI Inc. is our construction firm. RCM Architects is responsible for stellar design work. Also, in-kind



contributions are coming from a variety of local businesses who believe in our mission and vision, such as National Lime & Stone, Blanchard Valley Health System, and Whirlpool Corporation.