

Saving Lives Building Project

Because construction companies were considered essential during the statewide stay-at-home order, progress continued on the Life Enrichment building that is part of Starkey's \$4 million Saving Lives campaign.

The new 20,000-square-foot building is expected to be complete in late fall, at which time the individuals in that day program will move into the new building, making way for renovation of the current home for those programs, the Morrison Building. That building, constructed in 1971, will get a makeover and become the new permanent home of the Gateway Program. By this time next year, all construction should be completed.



Lead donors to the Saving Lives Campaign include the Helen Trigg Trust, the J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation, Downing Family Foundation, Ken and Jan Shannon, Cargill Protein Group, Goebel Family-Star Lumber Foundation, Intrust Bank, Stuart and Barbara Ray, Tom and Myra Devlin, Fidelity Bank and an anonymous donor.

Wildlife Visits

When individuals in Starkey's programs had to begin sheltering at home in mid-March, little did they know that an area zoo, Tanganyika Wildlife Park, was already working on a plan to brighten their days.

Tanganyika Wildlife Park, in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, developed a "community connections" program that featured trainers and a rotation of animals, traveling to the driveways and parking lots each week of local long-term care centers and group homes. At the Starkey homes, individuals enjoyed visits from a sloth named Chewy, a penguin and a lynx.

