



1922 FOUNDATION
Creating a new life for the old Lincoln High School

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Dear Lincoln Alumni:

Welcome back! Chances are while you are here you will take a few minutes to drive around and see familiar sights in and around town. The 1922 Foundation exists to protect and, if possible, renew a building you may have spent hundreds of hours in and around -- the old Lincoln High School at the south end of 4th street.

The school closed in 1996 and fell on increasingly hard times as it became home to a variety of owners and part-time operators. It declined. A decade ago a small group of local citizens formed the 1922 Foundation to buy the oldest part of the building to preserve it until a rescue could be mounted.

Since then we have taken many but slow steps ... our local economic development director says the restoration is a bit like eating an elephant. You just have to dig in, one small bite at a time. So with small forks and great ambitions, we have:

- Organized the 1922 Foundation as a “501(c)(3)” nonprofit, exempt from federal income tax
- Measured the building and created new floor plans (any originals have been lost)
- Developed conceptual ideas for the building’s eventual reuse
- Had an environmental consultant assess the asbestos status (not as bad as we feared)
- Worked with an expert to successfully list the building on the Register of Historic Kansas Places, with a nomination to the National Register of Historic Places currently pending
- Had a structural engineer assure us that we are not too late to recover the building

All this information is available at <https://livelincolncounty.com/former-lincoln-high-school/>

The next step, and immediate need, is to seal the roof. In the short-term that means buckets of tar and spot patching by volunteers. The vital objective, however, is to replace the roof with a weather-tight membrane. The current roof has significant leaks causing damage to interior rooms. We cannot clean up and begin repairs on the interior until the water problem is solved. We expect this to cost over \$100,000.

To fund the new roof, we intend to apply for a Heritage Trust Fund grant from the Kansas Historical Society this coming fall. This grant would provide a majority of the funding needed; however, we must raise a required local match. We believe our grant application will be successful if we can raise at least \$30,000 in local contributions.

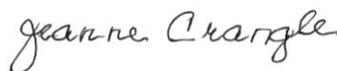
As a ‘building alumni’ please consider a donation to help us bring new life into the old high school. Thank you in advance for your contribution. Every dime will go towards matching funds to replace the roof.

If you have questions, please call Kelly, our local economic development director, at 785-524-8954 or Jeanne, the foundation’s treasurer, at 785-524-5051 for more details. And please take a moment to fill out the enclosed card (or email us at lcedfdirector@outlook.com) for our records.

Sincerely,



George Miller
Chair



Jeanne Crangle
Treasurer



Kelly Larson
Economic Development
Director



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I would like to make a donation to the 1922 Foundation for the purpose of
creating a new life for the old Lincoln High School.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

I would like to make a tax-deductible donation in the amount of: \$ _____

Please make checks payable to the 1922 Foundation, PO Box 22, Lincoln, KS 67455.

Is this donation given anonymously? Yes No

If no, may we print your name (in thanks) in any materials we produce about the project?

Yes No

Or, you may wish to give your donation in memoriam. If so, name to publish:

In memory of _____

Would you like to be notified of progress on the old Lincoln High School? Yes No

Would you like to be contacted about volunteering to help with the project? Yes No

Thank you for your tax deductible donation to the 1922 Foundation!

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