



PROJECT UPDATE

Investing in Our Community—and The Planet

A new branch of [Chemical Bank](#) has opened its doors, sprouting from what was once a brownfield development lot. Today, the bank serves as an inspiring reminder of what hard work, environmental responsibility and partnering with a like-minded, community-focused business like Treystar can accomplish.

“Together with Treystar, we were able to improve and beautify a parcel in the heart of the city of Kalamazoo that hadn’t seen positive investment in many years,” said Perry Wolfe, Kalamazoo Community President and Senior Lender for Chemical Bank.

To see the land where the new Chemical Bank location stands has changed is an understatement. [Read more about the Chemical Bank property transformation.](#)



PARTNERING WITH CLIENTS

One Creative Partnership Spreads Lasting Success

Albert Einstein said, “Creativity is contagious. Pass it on.”

For 32 years and counting, business partners Treystar and [Kingscott Associates](#) have spread their creativity in Kalamazoo. It’s an “infection” that’s reinvigorated buildings and relationships alike.

Together, these partners transformed what once stood as the Schau-Powell, Doubleday and Doyle Buildings, as well as an adjacent lot, into today’s Main Street East—a 65,000-square-foot historic building in the heart of downtown Kalamazoo’s business and entertainment district. Kingscott, which served as the lead architect on the second phase of the Main Street East development project, remains a client in the revitalized building to this very day.

“Kingscott has been around for more than 80 years because we’ve always believed in the power of people working together to create the extraordinary,” said Heather Martin, Chief Operating Officer, Kingscott. “Treystar shares our vision of collaboration.”

[Discover more about the partnership between Kingscott and Treystar.](#)



HATS OFF

Terry Westafer, Property Services Director, has been part of the Treystar family since 1986. His dedication, diligence and years of experience in building maintenance, grounds keeping, electrical, plumbing and appliance repair prove invaluable in supervising our crew and working with service providers in the general care of Treystar's portfolio.

Terry enjoys making sure clients and guests have a positive experience and often goes beyond the call of duty.

"There have been numerous times when I assisted visitors at our shopping centers to provide battery assistance. I hate to see people in distress," he said. "Another time, during a wind storm, I intercepted a rogue grocery cart heading straight for someone's car!"

GIVING BACK

The Treystar Team was excited to partner again with **Taste of Heaven** on December 17 for a fun volunteering experience.

Taste of Heaven is a non-profit organization that provides financial support for the ministry of Youth for Christ. All proceeds go directly to Youth for Christ, which helps young people in Kalamazoo and around the world gain job-training skills.

This year saw us assembling orders, packing bulk orders to mail, putting together specific gift boxes, and making items pretty with ribbons and labels. A fun time was had by all, and we look forward to our next volunteer opportunity.

Taste of Heaven is located in the Westwood Plaza at the corner of Drake and West Main St. in Kalamazoo.

PAY IT FORWARD

Ergonomic tip for those sitting at a workstation:

Check your posture. Sit as close as possible to your desk, with your upper arms parallel to your spine and your hands rested on the work surface. At this point, examine whether your elbows are at a 90-degree angle. If they are not, adjust your office chair higher or lower as necessary.

Also, make sure your legs are bent at the knees at a 90-degree angle. Try to maintain this ideal sitting posture as much as possible. Don't forget to get up, stretch, walk or stand when possible.

MarxModa is a Herman Miller office furniture dealer located in the Main Street East Building in Downtown Kalamazoo.

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