

THE EZEKIEL FOUNDATION



New Building Campaign

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Donation: **Firm-to-Studio**

We are pleased to announce that the **Ezekiel Foundation** has made a generous donation of \$25,000 that will fund The Ezekiel Foundation Affordable Housing Studio in the Gray Design Building.

Their gift is part of our Firm-to-Studio campaign, an innovative philanthropic project that invites organizations and industry partners to make an impactful pledge by naming one or more studios within our new building. Naming a studio helps support the future of the College of Design, and provides a public digital display within the studio to share the organization's story, work and mission.

Founded in 2003, the mission of the Ezekiel Foundation is simple and impactful: to provide affordable housing opportunities to those in need. The foundation is helping build new homes in Western Kentucky in response to the devastating tornadoes and floods that swept through the area. They also assist communities in which people have faced loss due to fire, the threat of homelessness, and other unforeseen circumstances. They also engage in faith-based ministries in Puerto Rico.

The Ezekiel Foundation has partnered with Lok-N-Blok, a modern, recyclable building material comprised of an interlocking block system that is calamity resistant. "We are very excited about the design-build concept using the Lok-N-Blok system," said Simmons. "The materials used to create these homes are sturdier, more sustainable, and can be built much more quickly."

We are excited to partner with The Ezekiel Foundation to help our fellow Kentuckians and people around the world find safe shelter while reducing our carbon footprint.

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