

Acknowledging Our History as We Shape Our Future

“A true community coalition is like a beautiful tapestry: the finished image only exists because of each individual thread that makes it up.

HOPE for Franklin County works to create a better future for all, and in doing so, we recognize and acknowledge the experiences, challenges, and triumphs of our ancestors.

Those who were here first: the people of the Osage, Kaskaskia, Kickapoo and Sioux tribes, as well as others who called this land home.

Those who came seeking a better life: from Germany, England, France, Spain, and other oversea lands.

Those who were brought here against their will: from present-day nations like Ghana, Angola, Nigeria, Senegal, Gambia among others.

We honor our past. We look to the future. And we welcome everyone.”