

SUCCESS STORY

Hanover Reserve Weddings & Events

Hamilton, Ohio



SBDC HELPS FAMILY IN THE MIDST OF A PANDEMIC

The family credits the [Small Business Development Center \(SBDC\) at Miami Regionals](#) for helping make the project a reality. They worked closely with SBDC Director David Riggs and business advisor Sangmi Kim.

The SBDC helped the family with the advice and paperwork they needed to obtain a U.S. Small Business Administration loan, and now, they project is becoming a reality in the midst of a pandemic.

To learn more about Hanover Reserve, visit hanoverreserve.com.



Mike DeWine, Governor
Jon Husted, Lt. Governor

Lydia L. Mihalik, Director



The coronavirus pandemic has created many problems for Ohio businesses, but it isn't stopping a western Ohio family from pursuing the business of their dreams.

Three brothers and their wives— Ben and Melanie Barnes, Brad and Anna Barnes and Jason and Jessica Barnes — are moving forward with their plans for an event center in Butler County. The \$3 million Hanover Reserve Weddings & Events is a 15,000-square-foot project situated on 45 acres in Hanover Township.

Construction began in spring 2020, and the project is scheduled for completion by February 2021.

HERE'S HOW THE FAMILY DESCRIBES THEIR DREAM

Three brothers, their wives, and five kids decided to take on a brand new adventure. It all started with talks about the destination we wanted to create for those looking for their perfect event oasis. The search for the perfect spot seemed to be impossible until one day when we saw a huge sign for 45 acres for sale. We conservatively checked it out, prayed about it, and the next thing we knew, we were signing the papers, making this dream a reality.

We took the next year consulting with friends, family, and local business resources to design the perfect location for any and all events. The final decision resulted in a beautiful wood, post and beam building that sits 1,500 feet off of the road, overlooking a two-acre pond, surrounded by nature. This combination would allow all of our guests to feel as if they were at their own private destination even though they were just minutes from Oxford, Hamilton, and 275.

It is important for all of our guests to know that we genuinely care about you, your event, and your guests. We are honored that you have chosen us to play a small part on your big day. This is an opportunity that we do not take lightly. Our job is to exceed every one of your expectations.

It's one thing to have a vision, but creating the vision, obtaining the financing, zone changes, permit processes, developing business projections, can be extremely overwhelming," Melanie Barnes told the Journal-News. "Sangmi and Dave are always quick to help in any way they can, providing countless number of resources and answering thousands of questions.

To read about the project, visit the [Journal-News](#).

To learn more about the Ohio Small Business Development Centers, visit sbdc.development.ohio.gov.