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# Lift Orlando Lands Million-Dollar Donation From KPMG

KPMG said Tuesday it will hire more than 600 new employees in the Orlando area.

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KPMG, the tax, audit and advisory firm with a headquarters in Lake Nona, committed a \$1 million donation to Lift Orlando Tuesday in hopes of bridging

education and healthcare gaps in West Lakes neighborhoods near Camping World Stadium.

The donation was announced during a celebration of the firm's 125-year anniversary, alongside an announcement of hiring more than 600 new employees in the region which would bring its local workforce to more than 2,000.

"This is a large-scale investment," said Lift Orlando President Eddy Moratin of the donation. "These gifts don't come very often."

The nonprofit, which brought in \$3.7 million last year according to its annual report, focuses on the neighborhoods surrounding Camping World Stadium, building everything from mixed-income and affordable housing to a health center, and investing in businesses.

Its model pairs business and community leaders to revitalize neighborhoods like West Lakes, which face historic systemic barriers.

The \$1 million will be paid over a five-year period in \$200,000 installments and go toward investing in small businesses, early-childhood education and healthcare options, said Anita Whitehead, who chairs the KPMG Foundation.

"Through this gift, we're thrilled to play a role in increasing access to health care and supporting holistic wellness services in a community that has too often become a health care desert," she said. "Many of these families have the skills, but need a hand up to find the opportunities so they too can prosper."

KPMG opened an 800,000-square-foot training center in Lake Nona in 2020 called the Lakehouse. The \$450 million campus includes 800 hotel-like rooms, dining options and a 1.2-mile fitness trail, the Sentinel reported at the time.

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