



Shared History; Connected Future

The Haldeman Haly House embodies historic Harrisburg's essence: its beauty, from a perch overlooking the Susquehanna River; its gentility, art, and refined culture; and its seminal role as the seat of state government.

With its prestigious Front Street address, the brick, Federalist-style structure served as the home of Sara Jacobs Haldeman, who was born in 1812, the oldest of nine children. Sara's father, Jacob Miller Haldeman, founded Dauphin Deposit Bank and, people said, helped slip President Abraham Lincoln out of Harrisburg in February, 1861, to foil an assassination plot.

In 1830, the Haldeman family moved from New Cumberland, then named "Haldeman Town" in the family's honor, to 27 North Front Street. The two-and-a-half-story brick home was built in 1812 by Stephen Hills, the architect of Harrisburg's first Capitol, later destroyed in a fire. Hills purchased the lot from the daughter of John Harris, Harrisburg's founder, and the gracious home also served as the Governor's Residence for John Andrew Shulze.



Sara Haldeman Haly

Sara Haldeman married a prominent attorney, William Haly, in 1850, but the union ended with her husband's untimely death in an office fire within a year. After his death, Sara returned to the family home, never to remarry or have children. She became a renowned socialite, gave generously to charity, and was extremely well-read until her death in 1895.

Her passion for books propelled her to donate \$60,000 along with her garden lot to build the Harrisburg Public Library, today known as the McCormick Riverfront Library. Today, her bequest would be worth more than \$4.5 million. Thanks to her incredible generosity and foresight, the Library opened in 1914, 19 years after Sara's death, and has been in continuous operation as a free public library ever since.

Led by an exceptional first librarian, Alice Eaton, the Harrisburg Public Library established itself as a creative, adaptive center for individual and community learning. Under Alice's leadership, the library established school deposit libraries, a bookmobile service, and a separate children's room in the English basement. That legacy has carried forward to today, with the library adapting to changing community needs and expanding to become the current Dauphin County Library System known as The Library.



Alice Eaton

The library system acquired the legendary Haldeman Haly home in 2019. The "Your Place to Belong" capital campaign continues Sara Haldeman Haly's civic-mindedness, love of literature, and connection to the community by thoughtfully and purposefully joining both structures. This historic renovation and reconfiguration project will serve citizens, commerce, and visitors of our Commonwealth's capital city for generations to come.



Naming Opportunities

Join us in this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to invest in our community, creating a trusted space for generations to come.



Haldeman Haly House

Built by the architect of Harrisburg's first state Capitol and the former executive residence to Governor John Andrew Shulze; this grand building is a cornerstone of the city's river-front evolution.

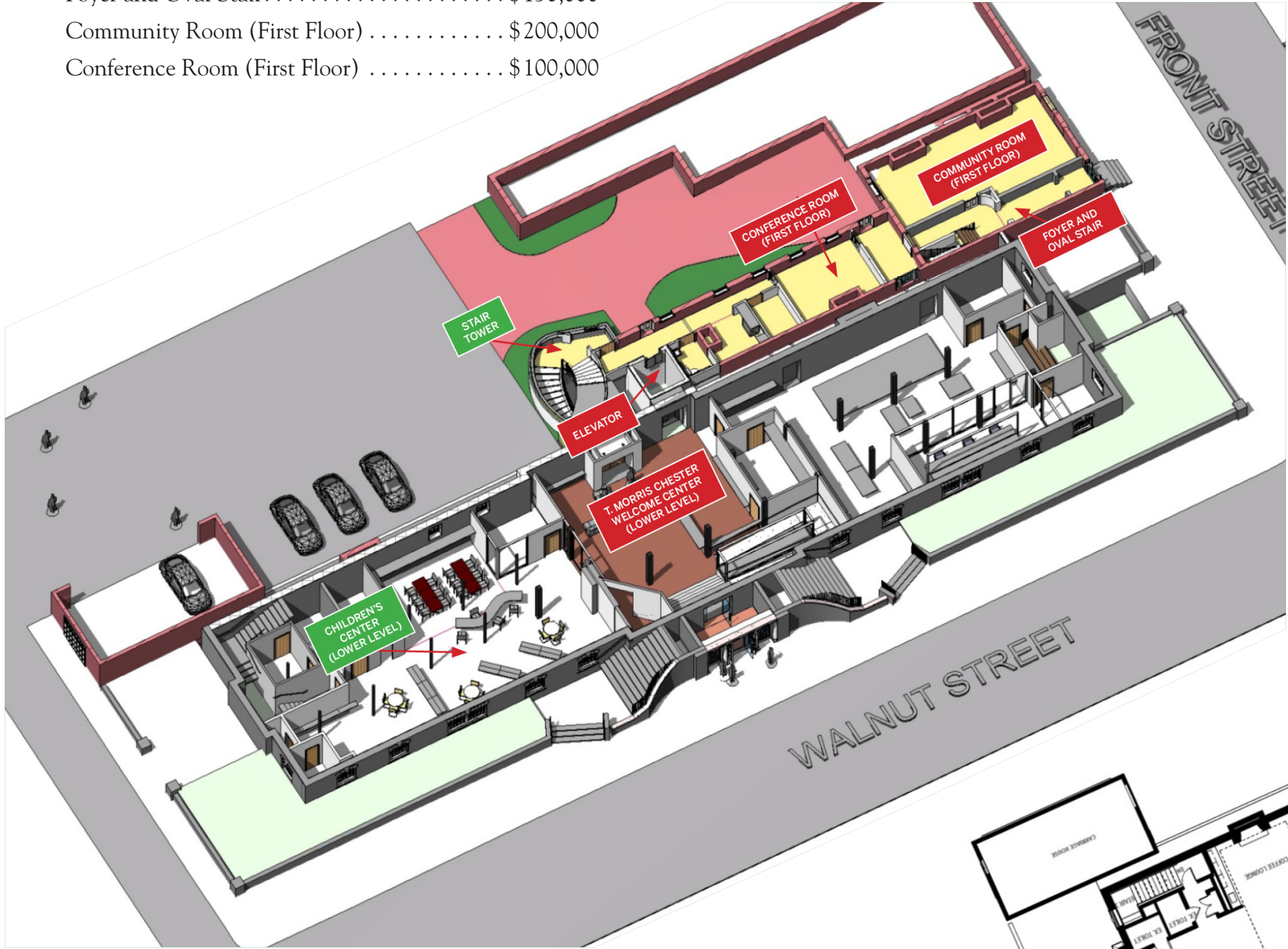
McCormick Riverfront Library

The first truly free, non-subscription public library for the Harrisburg area, this iconic structure has been lighting the way to learning since January 1, 1914. The original library of what is now a countywide system, this limestone structure is a beloved community landmark and busy learning center in the state's capital. The library is sited on what was the garden plot of the Haldeman Haly House and was made possible by a bequest from Sara Haldeman Haly.

Mark your place in our community's history and future by joining the Your Place to Belong campaign to restore, preserve and update these unique properties for modern public library service.

Haldeman Haly House

Building.....	\$ 500,000
Foyer and Oval Stair.....	\$ 150,000
Community Room (First Floor).....	\$ 200,000
Conference Room (First Floor).....	\$ 100,000

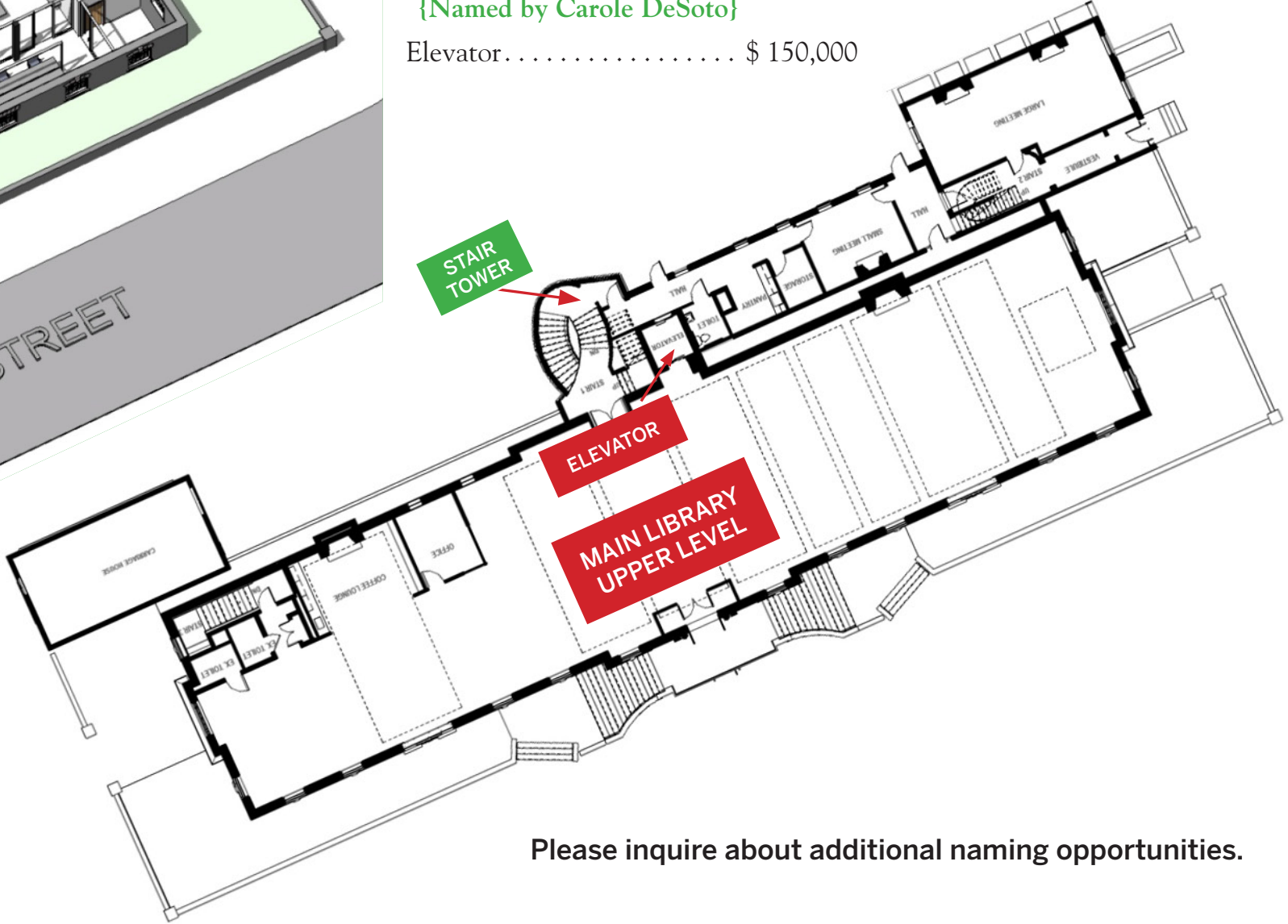


“You know that you are a part of a larger story that has shape and purpose—a tangible, familiar past and a constantly refreshed future.”

~ Susan Orlean,
The Library Book

Connected Access

Stair Tower.....	\$ 150,000
<i>{Named by Carole DeSoto}</i>	
Elevator.....	\$ 150,000



McCormick Riverfront Library

Main Library (Upper Level)	\$ 300,000
Children’s Center (Lower Level)	\$ 200,000
<i>{Named by S. Wilson & Grace M. Pollock Foundation}</i>	
T. Morris Chester Welcome Center (Lower Level)	\$ 150,000

Please inquire about additional naming opportunities.