

## Reflecting Back & Moving Forward

Hampton Enterprises Celebrates 75th Anniversary with a Nostalgic Touch



*Pictured from left to right: Nathan Elmke, Scott Dunn, Lori Hampton, Bruce Hocking, Robert Evnen, Michelle Keogh, Scott Lockard, and Jason Ball.*

Hampton Enterprises celebrated its 75th anniversary on May 16, 2023 with a festive celebration at their office on 3400 Plantation Drive. It brought together friends, clients, colleagues, and tenants to reflect on many meaningful relationships built over the years.

Adding a touch of nostalgia to the festivities, a 1948 Ford F1 Pickup was parked outside the entrance, paying homage to Hampton Enterprises' 75-year-history.

The event's highlight was a ribbon-cutting ceremony in front of the Hampton office. Jason Ball, President of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce, joined the festivities to commemorate this milestone.

After the ceremony, guests gathered back inside for a wonderful spread of savory items from Nibble and mouthwatering sweets from The Chocolate Season while engaging in spirited conversations.

Throughout the afternoon, the air was filled with heartfelt tributes from guests who shared how Hampton Enterprises and its esteemed founder, Joe Hampton,

had positively impacted their lives. These moving accounts underscored the profound influence the company has had on the community and its members.

The event created an atmosphere of camaraderie, fostering connections and building relationships within the Hampton Enterprises community.

In honor of the 75th Anniversary, Hampton minted a commemorative coin (*see below*), which was distributed to attendees upon check-in at the event. This special memento serves as a tangible reminder of the company's gratitude for the continued support of its tenants, clients, friends, and colleagues.

Looking ahead, Hampton Enterprises reaffirms its commitment to delivering exceptional service and maintaining strong relationships.

With a renewed sense of purpose, Hampton embraces the future, inspired by the memories made during this celebration.



### DID YOU KNOW?

In 1970, Hampton completed its first commercial building that it would own and lease. Can you name it?



Send your answer to Justin at [jford@hampton1.com](mailto:jford@hampton1.com) to claim your 75th Anniversary prize!

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# HAMPTON FEATURED TENANT

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Van Engen Chiropractic & Health Center specializes in chiropractic care and holistic health services. Their experienced team of chiropractors offers evidence-based treatments for musculoskeletal conditions, along with holistic approaches such as nutritional counseling and stress management, to enhance overall well-being.

In celebration of Hampton Enterprises' 75th Anniversary, we had the privilege of sitting down with our longtime friend, partner, and tenant, Dr. Merv Van Engen, to capture his reflections on this milestone. Excerpts from this interview will be featured in videos releasing later this summer, providing insights into Hampton's remarkable 75-year journey in business.

## When did you begin your relationship with Hampton Enterprises?

"In 1988, when we rented our first place at Corporate Centre (7501 O Street), we rented that for seven years."

"We wanted to be in East Lincoln, and we thought that this would be a great, great area. So that's why we rented at Corporate Centre."

"Of course, Hampton was so big in leasing professional space and is to this day. So when we met Hampton's staff and talked to them about what we needed, we were sold because they were accommodating to our needs."

## How did you meet Joe Hampton?

"I mean, I've known about Joe Hampton since I was probably old enough to remember anything."

"Actually, the relationship started through my dad. My dad was a contractor and he and Joe worked in Lincoln together back in the 40's and 50's. Joe did a lot of electrical work in construction while Dad was more in the construction part of it himself."

## What was it like to work with Joe Hampton when you were starting your practice?

"I have all kinds of stories to tell you about how Hampton's been good to us and Joe personally came to me after my partner and I went separate ways and I had a huge space over at (our original space) 7501 O Street."

"Joe came in one morning and said, What can I help you with? I hear that we had a little misfortune in here. And he said, you know, we're going to help you out on this, and he did! That's just how they work. They want you to be a client and a tenant."

## What is it about Hampton Enterprises that has kept you a tenant for almost 40 years?

"They offer a complete spectrum of taking care of a place. What I mean by that is that not only the outside of the building, the accommodations, the taking care of the premises, and they do an excellent job of that."

## What is your favorite part of having this chiropractic office?

"When you're in the health field, if your favorite part isn't taking care of the patients, you're in the wrong business. It's not always a bed of roses all the time, but that's why you're in it."

"When a patient comes into our office, the first thing that they're going to know is that we care about them. And, that's what Hampton did for us. They care about their clients."

**Hear more about Hampton Enterprises from Dr. Van Engen and many others in our videos celebrating 75 years in business! Stay tuned for more details!**



Merv Van Engen sits for an interview about working with Hampton Enterprises for almost 40 years!

## 75TH ANNIVERSARY EVENT





# Revving Up the Celebration

## '48 Pickup Steals the Show

What better way to commemorate Hampton Enterprises' 75th anniversary than by showcasing the Hampton 1948 Ford F-1 half-ton pickup truck? This vintage beauty stole the spotlight at our 75th Anniversary Event and continues to spark conversations around town.

As employees and friends gathered to celebrate, our vintage pickup stood tall, gleaming under the sun, outside the entrance of 3400 Plantation Drive. Its polished exterior and classic design capture the essence of Hampton Enterprises' enduring legacy.

The truck is a connection to the past, a bridge between generations, and a testament to the craftsmanship of a bygone era.

The 75th anniversary event was just the beginning of our pickup's adventures. Since then, we've taken it to Cars and Coffee at Speedway Motors and Cruisin' for the Trades at Southeast Community College where it has garnered a ton of attention.

Onlookers cannot resist snapping photos,

marveling at the restored features, or even sitting inside to take in that vintage car smell.

It even made an appearance at the Nebraska Wesleyan University's 'W' Golf Event, surprising participants and adding an unexpected twist to the day.

Parked on Hole 8 at Hillcrest Country Club, it served as a conversation starter and a unique backdrop for some memorable photos. Golfers couldn't help but take a break from their swings to admire the beauty of this timeless vehicle.

While it may not be hauling goods or treading rugged terrains like it did in its early days, our vintage pickup continues to bring joy, spark conversations, and ignite the imagination of all who encounter it.

So, if you ever spot our '48 Ford pickup cruising around town or at another event, be sure to take a moment to say hi!

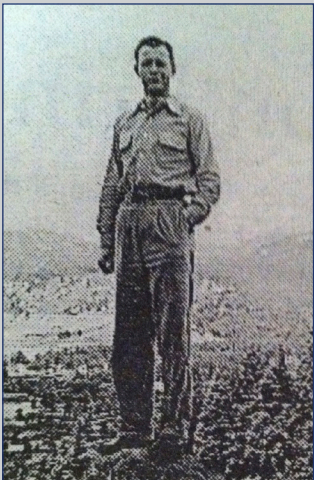
Here's to the next chapter of Hampton's history, filled with more memorable rides, shared experiences, and the unwavering spirit that has defined us for 75 remarkable years.



*Our 75th Anniversary pickup comes to us from Louisville, KY. With only one owner since 1986, we acquired this treasure online after his passing. We now begin our journey with this timeless classic.*

## HAMPTON FOUNDER SPOTLIGHT

### Joe Hampton | A Beginning



Joe Hampton, driven by a strong work ethic cultivated while growing up during the Great Depression, made a life-changing decision to move to Lincoln, Nebraska in 1947. Armed with just \$40 in his pocket, the 22-year-old aspiring electrician embarked on his journey east to the Capital city.

It was in these early Lincoln years that Joe laid the foundation of what we now know as Hampton Enterprises. From the very

beginning his commitment to excellence in constructing tailor-made residences became the driving force behind the expansion of his enterprise into commercial real estate projects.

Today, Hampton Enterprises stands as a testament to Joe's entrepreneurial spirit, his commitment to excellence, and the lasting impact of his move to Lincoln.

### Joe Hampton | A Legacy



Joe Hampton's commitment to excellence propelled Hampton Enterprises from constructing homes to successful commercial developments. Joe's dedication ensured that every project undertaken by Hampton Enterprises bore his signature of quality.

Joe actively served the community and held influential positions, including as a City Council member, and as President of the Lincoln Independent Business Association (LIBA), shaping the city's business landscape and fostering entrepreneurship.

Although Joe is no longer with us, his unwavering dedication continues to inspire. His passing on January 30, 2017 left a void in our hearts, but his spirit lives on through the continued success and impact of Hampton Enterprises.



