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The Korte Co. helps Glik’s get started on new home in Collinsville

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A ceremonial groundbreaking was held in March in Collinsville on a new headquarters and warehousing and distribution facility for Glik’s stores.

The project is in the design stage now, with physical construction likely to begin in a couple of months, said Jay Korte, project executive and director of client relations for The Korte Co. in the St. Louis/Metro East area.

The \$5 million project should be done by the end of the year, he said. It is a 40,000-square-foot, concrete, tilt-up structure that will serve as Glik’s corporate headquarters, which is being moved from Granite City. It will house a two-story office and warehouse/distribution center/fulfillment center. About 30,000 square feet will be devoted to the warehouse, he said.

Deliveries for the area brick and mortar stores will pass through the center as will the goods for Glik’s growing e-commerce business.

The building will be located on ABC Parkway, which is located north of Horseshoe Lake Road and just across from the Eastport Plaza, generally behind Laura Buick GMC.

The Glik family and Korte Construction have a relationship going back almost 50 years. During groundbreaking ceremonies

in March, James Glik, vice president of Glik’s, noted how two, multigenerational business families came together on the project, much as they have through the years.

Historically speaking, he said the

relationship began with: “Ralph Korte, a one-man company building hog houses to the east, and Joe Glik, a one-man retail store to the west, in Madison Ill. We meet here in the middle to build our future in Collinsville.”

the building and ground.

“It’s an exciting project and the Kortes are excited to be working again with the Glik’s,” Jay Korte said.

The Collinsville City Council approved \$600,000 in tax increment financing for Glik’s new headquarters.

The headquarters will employ approximately 60 people, with the possibility of hiring 20 more.

The project is situated on two lots, comprising about four acres. The Glik family will own

From left: Elliot Glik, James Glik and Jeff Glik at the site of the planned Glik’s corporate headquarters and warehouse and distribution center in Collinsville. Jeff Glik is president and CEO. His brother, James, is vice president of Glik’s. Elliot is the first of the fifth generation of the Glik family to start working for the company.



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