

When my wife Kimberly and I got married in 2006 we dreamed of owning our own fitness club one day. It was a dream and dreams only work if you do so we went to work. Fast forward to 2015 we moved our family to my hometown of Schulenburg TX from the Northwest Austin Area. I was full-time real estate broker and Kim was now home raising our children with our 3rd daughter on the way. After our 3rd child was born, I came home and told Kimberly I had a fantastic idea of us finally building our dream fitness club in downtown Schulenburg. We researched different franchise models and loved the Anytime Fitness brand. Moving forward we bought an historic vacant building from the late 1800's on the corner of North Main Street and Lyons Avenue. The building was one of the first buildings constructed when the railroad came through and it needed major renovating from asbestos abatement to a leaky roof. Trying to find a contractor to give us a hard quote for the project was challenging as we did not know what was waiting for us around the corner on a project like this. We put everything we had into purchasing the franchise territory, renovating the building, and purchasing the equipment for the club. After our construction loan was fully funded, we were 100K short to finish the project. I went to church one day and I asked God what am I going to do? I was hoping he could give me answers. This is the day I found out that God is the best business partner I have ever had. Sitting behind me was Steve Roos a long time Schulenburg citizen who had served on school board and on the EDC prior. He congratulated me on our project downtown and asked if I had been to the EDC for help. I was like "how does he know I need help?" "Did God just speak to me through Steve?" So that is my story. Thanks to God, Steve, and the Schulenburg EDC that little corner in America has a heartbeat again. The EDC funded us what we needed to get the project complete. We are very thankful to have a resource like the Schulenburg Economic Development Corporation to help small businesses get off the ground and running to make our community a better place to live. Schulenburg today has 24 hour 7 days a week fitness facility with world class coaching to help our community and members make healthy happen.

Chip Bubela

Before



After

