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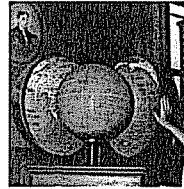
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Starting out small
1883



Growth
1905



Michel arrives in U.S.
1940



Koreshans arrive in Florida
1894

Teed dies
1908

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Description

A look at how the Koreshan Unity has evolved over the years.

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- **Art of the Olympians**
2012
Foundation becomes title sponsor of Art of the Olympians' first golf tournament for \$150,000
- **Cemetery sold**
2010
- **Headquarters sold**
2007
Foundation sells its headquarters land and building to a developer for \$11.4 million
- **Properties donated**
2005
Dauray donates the Old Schoolhouse and the Collier House (both on College of Life property) to the Estero Historical Society.
- **Name change**
2001
The name is changed to the College of Life Foundation.
- **Bigelow retires**
1999
Bigelow retires; Naples real estate broker Charles Dauray takes over and changes the name to The College of Life Foundation, Inc. On the foundation's behalf, Dauray begins buying properties near headquarters.
- **IRS forces sale**
1993
IRS forces the sale of \$400,000 of Koreshan land to satisfy a debt.
- **Land boom**
1990 to 2006
Estero's growth begins to boom. Land values rise.
- **Michel dies**
1982
Michel dies; board member Bigelow becomes president and changes the name to the Koreshan Unity Foundation 7 years later.
- **New headquarters**
1979
Michel builds a headquarters building, known as the College of Life, on the east side of U.S. 41.
- **Pioneer Educational Foundation**
1972
Michel incorporates the nonprofit Pioneer Educational Foundation, with a board of directors that includes former

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News-Press features editor Jo Bigelow, to whom Michel contribute freelance gardening articles.

- **Land donation**

1961

Michel donates about 350 acres to the state that become the Koreshan State Historic Site west of U.S. 41. The Koreshan Unity, the group's corporate entity, retains some property, artifacts, furniture and the sect's extensive archives.

- **Michel arrives in U.S.**

1940

Hedwig Michel flees Nazi Germany for the U.S., where she learns about the Koreshan Unity, which by then had just 35 elderly members. She joins the following year.

- **Teed dies**

1908

Teed dies and his group, which also emphasized celibacy for its high-ranking members, begins to decline. Without Teed's magnetic presence and energetic evangelizing, attracting new members becomes increasingly difficult.

- **Growth**

1905

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