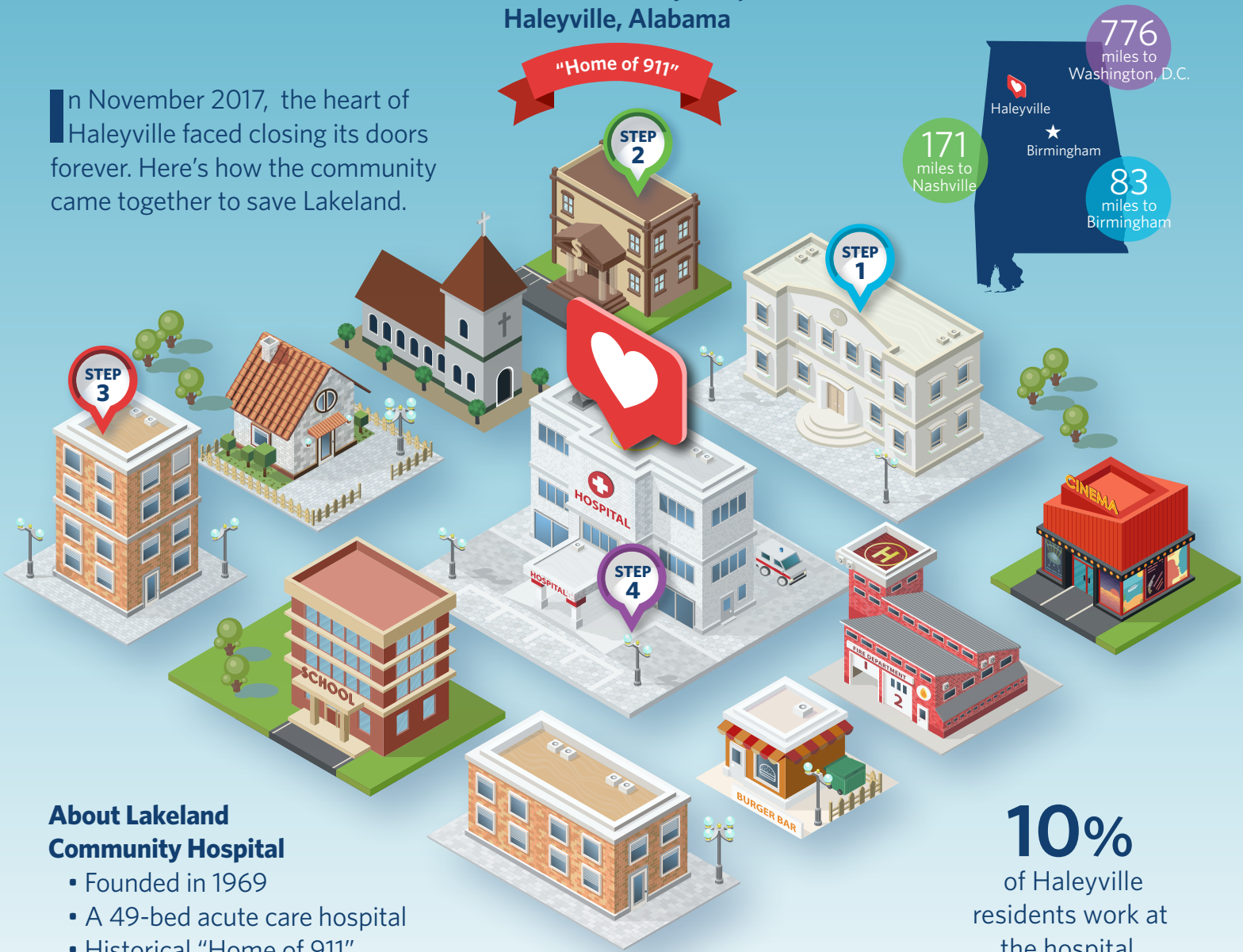# A ROADMAP TO SAVING A COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Lakeland Community Hospital
Haleyville, Alabama

In November 2017, the heart of Haleyville faced closing its doors forever. Here's how the community came together to save Lakeland.

"Home of 911"

STEP 2

STEP 1

STEP 3

STEP 4

776 miles to Washington, D.C.

Haleyville

171 miles to Nashville

★ Birmingham

83 miles to Birmingham

About Lakeland Community Hospital

- Founded in 1969
- A 49-bed acute care hospital
- Historical "Home of 911"

10%
of Haleyville residents work at the hospital.

STEP 1

Recruited Local Support: The mayor, city council, community leaders, hospital administrators, and employees formed the Haleyville Healthcare Authority.

STEP 2

Found Investors and Hospital Management: With help from new hospital management and vendors, the city council devised a recovery plan that called for a sales tax increase, new services, and an all-hands-in effort from hospital staff.

STEP 3

Developed a Long-Term Strategy: MEDHOST provided Lakeland's central business office services and designed a process for financial recovery, including a payment plan for outstanding debt.

STEP 4

Persisted: An unwavering commitment from staff, community leaders, and rural healthcare advocates kept Lakeland Community Hospital's doors open. More than a year later, Lakeland is adding patient services and building more efficiency into its hospital.