

PROJECT NEWS

Riverside Medical Center

North Lobby Renovation

In a ribbon cutting ceremony on June 11, 2008, Riverside Medical Center welcomed the public to the newly renovated North Lobby. As the second busiest entrance to the hospital and a major hub for outpatient traffic, the North Lobby was in need of traffic flow and finish improvements.

The new work begins outside where modifications to the drive-up canopy make for a more prominent entry beacon. Textured concrete sidewalks and landscaping modifications add appeal to the new entry. Once inside the lobby, patients and visitors are welcomed by an open, bright space with a new fountain and reception desk. Circular patterned porcelain tile continues through the lobby and into the renovated waiting area that serves the Special Procedures Labs and Cath Labs. This space provides a calm waiting area, separated from the public entry way with decorative glass. Earth-toned stone and dark wood features make the space warm and inviting while colorful furniture adds vitality. The furniture is arranged around the room in groupings of comfortable lounge seating and other areas configured with computer work stations to accommodate people who prefer to work while they wait. A new fireplace and coffee station also bring a touch of home to the waiting patrons. New display cabinets allow for a changing museum type display for local artists or other exhibits. The renovated North Lobby and outpatient waiting area are a grand improvement and evidence of Riverside Medical Center's continued commitment to update their facility, providing warm welcoming spaces that reflect their patient care philosophy.



Concierge Desk



Waiting Area



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Belle Plaine Commons

Studio One Design recently completed the interiors of Belle Plaine Commons, an independent living facility which is part of the 5-acre North Center Senior Campus in the Ravenswood neighborhood of Chicago. The complex is focused on providing affordable housing to adults aged "55 and better". The campus is made up of two rental buildings and one condominium building which will be connected by two parks and walking paths once the landscaping is completed. This layout allows residents to enjoy the amenities of all the buildings on site.

Belle Plaine Commons offers comfortable condominium living to those wishing to own property, but not wanting the upkeep of owning a house. The common areas, including a community room, fitness center and library/business center, provide gathering places for the residents. Studio One Design worked on the material, finish and furnishing selections for the public areas, the material selections for the resident units and provided artwork, signage and window treatments for the entire facility. The overall objective was to create spaces that residents are proud to call home.

Three years ago, Studio One Design also completed the interior selections for The Martha Washington Apartments, one of the rental buildings on-site. We are excited about our ongoing participation with North Center Associates to create affordable and vibrant senior living communities in the Chicago area.



Living Area



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Martha Strong joined Studio One Design as the Director of Interiors in June of this year. Over the course of her extensive career in Chicago, she has become well-versed in a broad range of project types including healthcare, senior living, country clubs, higher education, corporate offices, retail, mixed-use developments and private residences. Martha believes that successful design is best achieved through a collaborative process between the interior designer, architect and owner, creating meaningful spaces that satisfy the long-range goals of each project. She is a registered interior designer and member of the International Interior Design Association (IIDA). Martha also volunteers for the Appalachian Service Project (ASP), which sponsors young adults to spend part of their summer vacation providing home improvements for families living in impoverished regions of the southeastern United States. We are privileged to add Martha's expertise and leadership to our team!

HUMANITY

The **Starlight Starbright Children's Foundation** is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to the needs of seriously ill children and teens. Their mission is to improve quality of life by facilitating family activities and outings, planning special events and developing technology-based and educational programs. One of the highlights of the foundation, **Starbright World**, has created an online community for seriously ill teens across the United States and Canada. Many of these patients are not able to leave the hospital or their homes, which can result in feeling lonely and isolated. Starbright World offers an outlet. Over a private broadband connection accessible only by these teens and their siblings, members can communicate with others going through similar experiences. Visit the Starlight Starbright website to learn more about this and other Starlight programs and to find a guide for healthcare professionals as to which programs are suitable for children with specific illnesses. www.starlight.org