

Finalist:
Excellence in Civic/Institutional



Atlanta Mission's Restoration House

The Atlanta Mission's Restoration House completed their 44,385 square foot shelter for women and children, focusing on those who have experienced trauma in November 2021. Situated on a 1.535 acre tract, the project was constructed on the site of the Mission's former facility, Atlanta Day Shelter for Women and Children. The new construction facility offers overnight shelter, meals, resource referrals, and medical care and has allowed the Mission to expand its day services by 30% and create 102 shelter beds for those in need.

Thoughtful, human-centered design was key throughout the Restoration House to serve mothers and children who have experienced life altering events. Trauma-informed design affects nearly everything in the built environment; From how clients are greeted as they enter, to room colors, ceiling heights and other finishes, furniture layouts, to bedroom layouts – all the way to seemingly insignificant details such as providing ample plugs for phone charging, the intentional elements are designed to reduce an individual's anxiety and fear while creating safe and secure environment where clients can heal. The Restoration House now provides safe indoor and outdoor spaces, a playground, medical center, vocational training and job placement programs.

The new facility has allowed Atlanta Mission to serve more women and children while expanding its services and fulfilling its mission.

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