

Women of Excellence



PROJECT

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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

CLIENT

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Consultant Team: Marvin Waxman Consulting Engineers

DATES

2006 - 2007 Design and Documentation, Construction Administration

DESCRIPTION

The three-story masonry building located on 9th Street in North Philadelphia was originally the Convent of the Sisters of St. Francis; associated with the neighboring St. Bonaventura Roman Catholic Church. The building retained some of its original exterior and interior original elements, including newel posts, handrails, plaster ornamentation and tin ceilings.

CHALLENGE

Portions of the building had been improperly renovated in the past while other areas had been completely neglected. The varying conditions required creative design intervention and numerous repair schedules in order to design a space to meet the functional requirements of the Client while operating within the constraints of the minimal overall budget for the project.

SERVICES

Renovation and Rehabilitation Design

Prepared design documents for the renovation of the interior of the building accommodating fourteen bedrooms and comfortable common spaces.

Modified accessibility into the building and throughout the interior to meet ADA accessibility requirements for the lavatories, sleeping units on the second level, all exterior ramps, and the installation of a new elevator.

Presented drawings to the Philadelphia Historical Commission staff as well as the Redevelopment Authority of Philadelphia for approval.

Provided Construction Documents and Construction Management throughout the project.

Provided additional design services for numerous design changes requested outside the original scope of work requested by the facilities director.