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ASID-LA Chapter Named Finalist in 2010 Chapter Community Service Award

By Susan Corry, ASID, CID

In early 2006, the Los Angeles Ronald McDonald House (LARMH) asked the ASID-LA chapter for help in renovating three of its public rooms totaling about 4,400 square feet:

- An atrium in the heart of the building where people can relax, watch movies, and attend large group events.
- A family room where people can hang out and connect with other families.
- A parents lounge where parents can be alone or talk to other parents without distraction.

Design Goals

Together as a team, we developed several goals for our design concept:

- To design rooms that encourage families to connect with other families
- To develop a cohesive color scheme using warm, inviting colors



- To specify sustainable materials whenever possible and incorporate elements of nature in fabrics and other materials.

Services Performed

Once the concept was finalized, we broke into 3 smaller groups that each designed a different room. More than 9 meetings and hundreds of hours later, we presented LARMH with a final design. The deliverables included 130 FF&E specifications and 21 pages of CAD-generated furniture plans, lighting plans, finish plans, sections, and design details. The volunteer effort lasted 8 months (February 2006–September 2006). For reasons unrelated to our project, installation didn't occur until three years later in September 2009.

Project Outcomes

LARMH re-opened last fall, and the families really seem to be enjoying the new spaces. As one parent said,

"After a hospital stay, when my son and I pull into the parking garage, he always says, 'It's good to be home.' I know that a large part of that feeling comes from the beautiful new surroundings that your organization helped to provide. Thank you."

Knowing that our efforts have made a difference is by far the best part of this project. But it was also nice to learn that our chapter was named a finalist in ASID's 2010 Chapter Community Service Award. Despite the challenges of working from 8 different locales on 8 different schedules, everyone's creativity and teamwork produced a great design that LARMH and ASID-LA can all be proud of.



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