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Facts & Figures

Owner: Choptank Community Health System, Inc.

Type of Project: A new primary care medical center

Size: 10,000 square feet

Cost: \$1.6 million

Construction Time: November 2005 - August 2006

The Need: A primary care facility to meet the needs of an underserved rural community

The Challenge: Creating a functional healthcare facility that fits aesthetically into its rural surroundings



NETWORK
TEAM MEMBERS

Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc.
Architect

Willow Construction, LLC
General Contractor

Shannahan Artesian Well Company, Inc.
Well Drilling



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Goldsboro, Maryland

Goldsboro Community Health Center

For more than 25 years, Choptank Community Health System, Inc. (CCHS) has provided medical services to rural Caroline County, Md., and its surrounding areas. With the help of local, state and federal government agencies, Choptank recently expanded its ability to serve the community.

In the CCHS network, medical services are delivered at seven primary care offices, two dental centers and seven school-based health centers, according to John Strube, chief marketing and development officer for CCHS. The first physician office for the healthcare system was the Goldsboro Community Health Center, which opened in 1980. In order to continue delivering high-quality healthcare services to the residents of northern Caroline County, CCHS needed a larger facility.

Encompassing 10,000 square feet, the new Goldsboro Community Health Center is four times larger than the existing facility it replaced and is located on a different site. The Town of Goldsboro donated the land to CCHS, with additional land donated by Chaney Enterprises

— a developer planning to build a residential community near the new center.

The center houses physician services and includes space for a planned seven-chair dental center. “The facility provides comprehensive family care for the region and is the only medical office serving northern Caroline County,” said Strube.

Project architect Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. focused on building a functional, yet aesthetically pleasing center that fit well with its surroundings. “The building’s design was meant to reflect the style of the utility/agricultural buildings found throughout the predominantly rural landscape,” said Scott G. Rogers, project manager for Davis, Bowen and Friedel. To that end, the design features materials such as corrugated metal siding, board and batten siding, concrete block, and heavy timber.

According to Rogers, the building’s plan is organized about a diagonal axis with the medical and dental spaces on each side of the facility being roughly symmetrical and sharing common support faci-

ties. “While the building program was simple and straightforward, I believe we were successful in creating a functional, visually appealing building that provides a comforting environment for those who work in it and visit it utilizing simple, straightforward materials,” he said.

The project was funded in part by a grant from the Maryland Department of Health and Mental Hygiene under its Administration-Sponsored Capital Program. Additional financing for the project was provided through Provident State Bank and the rural development program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. According to Strube, the project demonstrates a working collaboration among state, federal and municipal agencies as well as a private bank to ensure the needs of a rural population continue to be met.

The new Goldsboro Community Health Center opened to the public in August 2006, continuing CCHS’ commitment to provide the community with much-needed healthcare services. ■

— Kelly Skarritt



Facts & Figures

Owner: Lewes Church of Christ

Type of Project: A new church campus

Size: 9,500 square feet

Cost: \$4 million (construction costs)

Construction Time:

September 2005 - April 2007

The Need: A new church campus to accommodate growth

The Challenge: Meeting the church's desires and needs while remaining within budget



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Lewes Church of Christ at The CROSSING

Although it consisted of only 200 members at the outset of its new campus construction program, the congregation of the Lewes Church of Christ proved it can do all things through Christ — even build a new \$4 million church for broadening its outreach to the Milton, Del., community.

In 2005, the church recognized a need to grow its ministry beyond the walls of the present church, and so began construction on a new campus (called The CROSSING) half a mile from its existing facility. "The basic purpose of the first phase of our building project was to provide a state-of-the-art worship facility that will accommodate about 1,000 worshipers in two services," said Mark Magee, pastor of Lewes Church of Christ at The CROSSING.

"The most innovative aspect of our building is the design that highlights the cross of Jesus (thus the name of our campus — The CROSSING)," said Magee. "The

unique structural design makes a statement of excellence for the name of Christ." Outside, the focus of the building is the cross that rises 20-plus feet above the highest point of the building. Inside, the focus of the audience is also on the cross.

From the moment people set foot on the church campus, the worship experience begins. After emerging from their vehicles, parishioners and visitors make their way along a serpentine pathway past a reflection pool to the towering cross situated at the entrance to the church. This "Walk with Christ" allows the visitor to gain a sense of communion with God before even stepping into the church. Also located on the campus is an outdoor amphitheater that provides opportunities for outdoor worship.

Inside, the acoustically shaped, windowless sanctuary was designed for musical and theatrical ministries. The chancel can be used as a stage, and advanced sound, lighting and

video technologies were installed. Although the sanctuary has no windows, the vestibule and entry hall are engulfed in daylight — reducing energy costs and casting the church in an ethereal light.

Michael Anne Sullivan, project engineer for Willow Construction, LLC, the project's construction manager, said value engineering helped create a product that the church could be proud of, yet allowed it to stay within budget. According to Sullivan, value engineering was applied to the electrical and mechanical systems.

Magee gave special credit to project architect Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. for its ability to communicate with the church leaders and create a church that represented what the congregation wanted. He said, "Our architect did a fabulous job hearing our needs, seeing our personality and taking our wants and putting [them] into a great facility." ■

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