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LHB, Inc. Wins ASLA-MN Professional Landscape Design Award For Hazelden Ignatia Courtyard

2014 ASLA-MN Design Awards

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The American Society of Landscape Architects- Minnesota Chapter (ASLA-MN) congratulates the following 2014 design award recipient. Awards were presented at the annual banquet on May 2nd, 2014 at the Varsity Theater in Minneapolis. Awards were juried by the Illinois Chapter of ASLA, and are a great honor in the design community. LHB, Inc. received a merit award in the General Design category for their work on the Hazelden Ignatia Courtyard.

For more information, please visit: <http://asla-mn.org/awards/2014-award-recipient>

ABOUT THE HAZELDEN IGNATIA COURTYARD

The design of the Hazelden Ignatia Courtyard has several unique factors that make it award-worthy. The facilities are an essential part of the healing process for clients of this renowned addiction treatment organization. At Ignatia Courtyard, the challenge was to transform one of the most important spaces at Hazelden: its entry. The redesigned courtyard sets the tone for the journey to recovery. It is comforting and inspiring, offering warmth, familiarity, and hope for patients and families at the beginning steps of their process to transform their lives.

A 150-foot long arcing slate wall draws visitors into the site. It descends from five feet high at the courtyard entry to a comfortable seating height at the building entry. Beautifully crafted and reflective of the human touch of Hazelden's recovery programs, the wall is a backdrop for Prairiefire Crabapples which provide year round interest with red fruit in the winter, brilliant pink blooms in the spring, and bronze foliage in the summer. At the entrance to the parking lot, perennials and grasses surround a low brick sign wall with individual anodized aluminum letters spelling "Hazelden" across its top. The plant color palette reflects the warm reds, oranges, and yellows of the Hazelden logo.

A water feature, surrounded by colorful perennials, provides a focal point and sense of respite. Water spills into a circular basin filled with angular chunks of black granite. The

water feature is surrounded by the colorful blooms of sunflower, daisy, sage, daylily, liatris, and ornamental grasses. These plantings also provide habitat for insects and birds, both improving the previously impoverished ecological function of the site and contributing to healing the people who come here.

Since Rachel and Stephen Kaplan first posed attention restoration theory in the 1980s, significant research has shown that providing “soft fascinations” reduces stress and promotes healing. Natural elements, like the plantings and water feature used in this project, allow people to engage in attention without the effort that is typically needed in austere urban and indoor environments. This kind of attention is restorative, contributing to faster healing, reducing complications, and decreasing the need for other forms of intervention. By providing this kind of healing space at the very beginning of the Hazelden experience, the courtyard sets the tone for success.

ABOUT LHB, INC.

Since 1966, LHB, Inc. has provided landscape architecture, engineering, architecture, and planning services for public and private spaces. Located in the Warehouse District of Minneapolis, they have created spaces both locally and internationally. Learn more at <http://www.lhbcorp.com>.

ABOUT ASLA-MN

ASLA-MN is the American Society of Landscape Architects (ASLA) Minnesota Chapter, which represents nearly 300 members in the landscape architecture profession through advocacy, education, communication, and fellowship. ASLA, the national organization, has more than 18,000 members and 48 chapters, representing all 50 states, US Territories, and 42 countries around the world.

As a licensed profession in the state of Minnesota, landscape architecture encompasses the analysis, planning, design, management, and stewardship of the natural and built environments. Landscape architectural projects range from academic campuses to conservation and natural areas, historic landscapes, parks and recreation, transportation corridors, urban design, water resources, and commercial and residential properties. To learn more about landscape architecture online, visit www.asla.org or the Minnesota Chapter homepage at www.asla-mn.org.

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