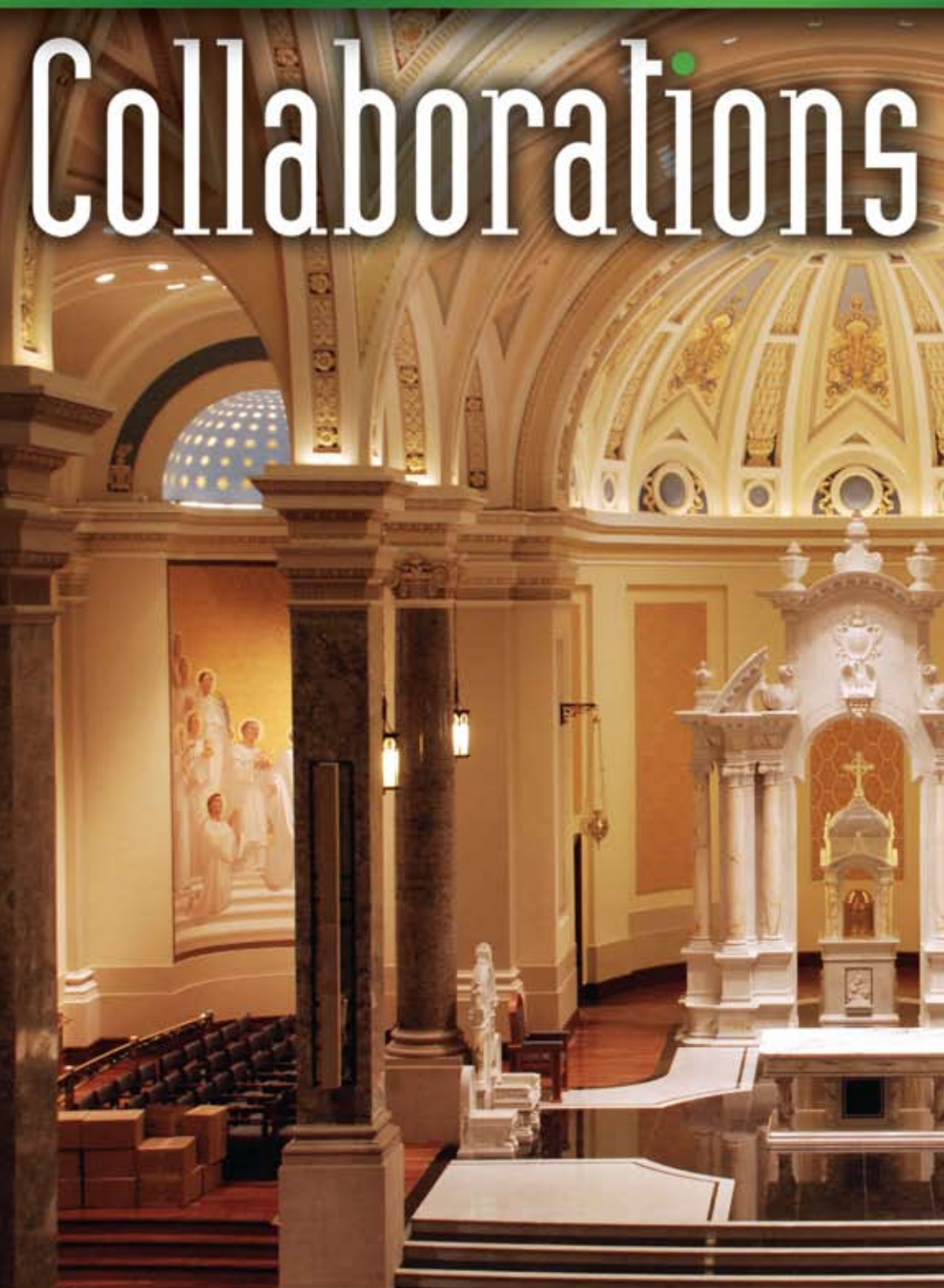


# Collaborations



TRADITION PRESERVED AT CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
Completion of renovations to the 100-year-old Cathedral was celebrated with a special Mass and dedication in February.

## **CONVERTING A COMMUNITY CENTER TO A RECREATION CENTER.**

Remodeling a 52,000-square-foot building under the watchful eye of 18,000+ people each month should be a daunting task. For Simpson Construction Services, it's just another day on the job at the Derby Recreation Center.

Originally built in 1986 with an addition in 1994, the facility needed heavy updating to truly convert it from a community center to a recreation center. Offices and meeting rooms for large events are no longer a priority. While the rooms are still used on weekends for special events, the facility's emphasis has shifted to daily use activities.

With help from the architect, the Derby Recreation Commission decided to repurpose existing space instead of adding to the facility. "We listened to what the community was saying and that prompted the changes we are making," says Trina Bauer, assistant superintendent for Derby Recreation Commission.

The fitness area size is doubling to accommodate the growing member base. In addition, three program studios are being built to allow simultaneous use for adult fitness classes, youth dance classes and yoga. Major facelifts in the locker rooms, offices, indoor pool, nursery and façade complete the renovation.

The daily challenge of keeping members safe is priority. Simpson has created a phased approach which temporarily closes one area for remodeling, while keeping others open so activities can proceed as scheduled.

Constant communication, redirected activities and temporary entry points has kept the job on track. Bauer compliments Simpson's project management for making an easy transition, "I can't tell you enough about how Simpson has worked with us on this. We've had lots of communication and everyone on site is available when we need them or have questions."

"I haven't heard one negative about the construction," Bauer says. "The Derby community embraces the recreation center and wants to see the changes we are making"



*The unconventional meeting room in the gym at the Derby Rec Center.*

## AWARDS WINNING PROJECTS.

Every Simpson project leaves a special mark. Whether recognized by the owner or by industry peers, we take pride in making our community better through our buildings. Early this year, Simpson entered two projects on behalf of our clients to the Associated General Contractors of Kansas state building awards. Both were judged for significant construction features, innovative construction techniques and outstanding examples of workmanship. Both took home awards.

### **2012 Award of Excellence Renovation up to \$2 million PRAIRIE GYNECOLOGY**



Prairie Gynecology promotes well-being by discovering the root cause of disease and healing instead of just relieving symptoms. One way to promote well-being is to create a chemical-free environment. Simpson Construction renovated a 3,000-square-foot space to create a spa-like, organic medical facility by working with non-standard materials and detailed, high-end finishes. Methodical process and thorough, continuous conversation ultimately benefitted the owner and the entire partnership.

Every detail in the medical office was carefully considered. The patient lounge area is a calming environment with natural stone backsplashes, walnut and maple hardwood millwork and beams,

Cambria Quartz countertops and a barreled ceiling. The lounge also features uncommon finishes including a curved wall with ceramic tile wainscot and radius millwork following the contour of the circular sink. In the lobby, custom glass partition doors and glass shelving provide privacy with a crisp, contemporary finish.

Schematic drawings were presented in early January 2012 and the contractor provided budget options based on those drawings. The project began in February with demolition and, just 10 weeks later was handed over to the client - on time and on budget. Simpson Construction Services successfully created a restful, beautiful and healing environment, while meeting all the traditional medical practice standards.



### **2012 Award of Honor New Construction over \$10 million VIA CHRISTI VILLAGES IN HAYS**



Contemporary retirement facilities incorporate a safe, homelike environment with progressive care options. This was the goal of Via Christi Villages in Hays when they contracted with Simpson Construction Services. High priority was placed

on creating a first-class facility where Via Christi Villages' staff can provide the best possible care.

Amenities abound at this 82,000-square-foot skilled care and assisted living facility. Residents can make a date with family or friends at the on-site soda parlor or saloon. They can also visit the beauty parlor, participate in physical therapy, or worship, without ever leaving the grounds.

Residents' rooms are set up in pods of six neighborhoods, each offering 16 private and semi-private rooms for a total of 96 beds. Private rooms open to each neighborhood's shared living quarters, central bathing facility, kitchen and dining area, as well as a den and enclosed patio area.



## JASON LIEN

CARPENTER

Faithful. Driven. Adventurous. Jason Lien personifies the Marine mentality. For eight years, he was an engineer in the Marine Corps. The Marine Corps taught Jason to do his job, do it to the best of his ability and move to the next task. He continues to live by these principles on the job at Simpson Construction Services.

Jason was born with a hammer in his hand. His first job was alongside his grandfather and father building homes. He received his associate's degree in construction sciences before enlisting. He thrived in the Marines but was pulled back home to Wichita when his son, Owen, was suffering chronic illness.

"Now I find my adventures elsewhere and at the end of the day I can come home and relax with my wife and son," says Jason. On any given weekend, you can find Jason at an Airsoft tournament, participating with other former military men. He thrives on the simulated battlefield where at the end of the day everyone returns home safely to their families.

Jason is also an avid participant in adventure racing – a sport that incorporates running, mountain biking and kayaking. He also loves to run and is participating in a race in El Dorado in April with Owen. They are doing it to benefit Owen's best friend who has leukemia.

*Jason and Owen Lien at the Monster Run in October.*



At Simpson Construction, Jason hits his marks with an eye for detail and a drive for efficiency. "I play a supporting role on jobs," says Jason. "I do whatever the superintendent needs to get the job done. So much of what makes one finished job better than another isn't the materials or design, it is the craftsmanship."

# Chalklines

## A PARTIAL LIST OF CURRENT PROJECTS

**Via Christi Village Ridge Skilled Care Facility**  
GLMV Architecture  
Construction Management  
<http://viachristivillageridge.simpsonconst.com/>

**American AgCredit Salina and Ponca City Design Build**

**McPherson Museum and Arts Foundation**  
Mann & Company  
Construction Management

**USD 263 Mulvane**  
Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture  
Construction Management  
<http://usd263mulvane.simpsonconst.com/>

**Bennington Place Apartments**  
Spangenberg Phillips Tice Architecture

**GraceMed Clinic – Cloud and Gardiner Elementary Schools**  
Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture

**Derby Recreation Center**  
Schaefer Johnson Cox Frey Architecture

**St. Catherine School**  
GLMV Architecture  
Construction Management

**Dodge City Community College**  
Spangenberg Phillips Tice Architecture  
Design Build

**To see more projects, visit [www.simpsonconst.com](http://www.simpsonconst.com)**

# THE CORNER OFFICE

## BUILDING A HEALTHY COMMUNITY

Everyone at Simpson feels a sense of pride each time we deliver a job to the owner's specifications and delight. When we build a relationship with an owner that motivates them to rehire us, we're rewarded yet again.

At this year's Associated General Contractors of Kansas convention, our company was recognized for two of the many outstanding projects completed in 2012. At the same convention, one of our own, Gregg Oblinger, was named president of AGC of Kansas.

To lead the association that represents commercial construction in Kansas is a great honor. Gregg has devoted himself to giving back to our community. We know he will serve the commercial construction industry well, with the same dedication he has shown as a board member at Kansas State University in Manhattan and Villa Maria in Mulvane.

Gregg's commitment to volunteerism is contagious. As a company, we do not require our employees to give their time, skills or money to causes. Yet, most of our employees share with others through the blessings they have been given. Members of our team serve on advisory councils at two universities, lead a Knights of Columbus chapter, coach baseball and softball teams, serve dinner at a soup kitchen, volunteer for their churches, and serve our country in the National Guard.

Simpson Construction values these opportunities to serve others. The world we live in can seem self-absorbed. Witnessing our employees step up and give back to the community, expecting nothing in return, is possibly the most rewarding part of leading this fantastic group of individuals.



