

Collaborations



2013 AGC AWARD WINNERS

McPherson Museum & Arts Foundation
Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Renovations



St. Catherine of Siena, 70,000 sq.ft.- Construction Management

MASTER PLANNING HELPS CHURCH GROW STRATEGICALLY

Six years ago St. Catherine of Siena parish was little more than the Bishop's blessing, a priest, \$5,000 seed money and a small group of 25 people gathering to worship together in parish member's basements. Father Dan Spexarth served and people joined. Then more people and more people joined, until the group couldn't be contained in basements, or a tiny chapel, or a large warehouse. It was time to secure the future of St. Catherine of Siena.

A group of 12 parishioners worked on a construction management contract with Simpson Construction Services and GMLV Architecture to design a three-phase master building plan.

"Hundreds of parishioners have been involved in making thousands and thousands of decisions in building the parish and school from the ground up," says Father Dan. "One of the best decisions we made was partnering with Simpson Construction Services. They let us know whether things could be built, and realistically how long it would take and how much it would cost. Simpson is a perfect fit for our leadership team. I could not be more pleased with the people of Simpson."

Through vision, faithfulness and generosity, the first building was opened in 2011 to temporarily house the church and school. Two years later and with little debt remaining, focus turned to the need for a larger building to educate future generations. More prayer, more appeal, the generous giving of many and, in March 2013, Simpson Construction went back to work, building the permanent Parish Education Center to the north of the current building.

Phase II of construction - a 70,000-square-foot building which includes twelve classrooms, an art and science center, media room, library, choir room and cafeteria - will be ready for fall 2014. In addition, 14,000-square-foot of the building will be shelled and ready to complete when space is needed and funds are secured.

Parish member and Simpson Project Manager Josh Vogel says the church population and school enrollment have grown so quickly because the community has been fully involved in the building process. From inception, the master building plan was communicated to all. Parishioners were invested in the process and more willing to pledge the money needed to bring the plan to fruition. "Father Dan has given us the opportunity to be a part of something great, preserving the Catholic Faith and imparting it on future generations."

The third phase of the master plan, to be completed at a later date, calls for building the permanent church and converting the building from phase I into space for receptions, meetings and large group events.





GRENE
VISION
GROUP

TOTAL EYE CARE TO
THE ENTIRE FAMILY

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT CREATES SHARED VISION

When the newest Grene Vision Group campus opens this summer at 13th and Maize Road in Wichita it will become the only clinic in the area able to serve all eye care under one roof. The campus, built by Simpson Construction Services, is designed and custom built with efficiency at the forefront.

The construction management contract has given a core group of doctors access to the architect and Simpson crews, involving the doctors in decisions along the way. Grene Vision COO Kayli Smith praises the open communication lines. “The executive summary from Simpson provides the right information without bombarding us and is great to pass on to our investors to keep them informed.”

Grene Optometrist Lori Krueger, OD agrees, saying the intent of the construction management process was to get feedback from the doctors on what works and what doesn’t work within the clinical setting before the construction is complete. The bi-weekly meetings are conducted around the doctors’ schedules so everyone is on the same page at each critical step. “Simpson Construction and Shelden Architecture have listened to our wants and needs, and made them happen.”

Ultimately Grene Vision will have a facility that meets the doctors’ specific needs, adds Krueger. A part of the space is customized for clinical studies while another is designated for specialized testing. Patients will have immediate access to their vision needs with 16 private exam rooms, a vision therapy room and minor surgery room.

The first impression area – lobby, waiting room and optical – is open concept, designed to feel warm and homey. Twenty-foot ceilings, upscale décor and comfortable furnishings will be inviting for patients of all ages.

Maintaining a consistent look with other Grene Vision facilities is also a consideration. Similar stonework and interior colors are being incorporated throughout the 15,500-square-foot building to ensure the facility look is within the Grene Vision Group “family.”



GERONIMO DURAN

CARPENTER

Simpson's master carpenter Geronimo Duran is also a master of good humor. Beyond his quiet demeanor and meticulous artistry, he manages to break through the hard exterior of Simpson Superintendent Gary Lubbers. "I can be a grump but Geronimo has a way of pulling jokes on me. He's always giving me a hard time about something... usually related to my age."



Geronimo believes happiness is contagious. He doesn't like taking life too seriously. He says life is better and the day goes a lot faster when you are having fun with what you are doing. Underneath his lighthearted persona lies a visionary who is always thinking one step ahead of the task at hand. "Geronimo has a hunger for learning, and his drive toward continued self-improvement makes him stand out," says Chad Buresh, Simpson director of field operations.

"Learning is fun for me," Geronimo says, a smile spreading across his face. As a young boy, Geronimo would spend hours observing his dad's latest construction project. He watched. He helped when invited. He visualized the outcome and determined what tools would help him get the best finished product.

Then he took what his dad taught him and got his first paying job in construction - at just 15 years old. Geronimo started in residential but was attracted to the variety and pace of commercial construction. Five years ago this summer he was hired at Simpson Construction.

Gary feels his jobs always go better when Geronimo is on them, "Geronimo is an all-around good guy that I can trust to get the job done. He can do whatever I ask of him and he is responsible enough to complete it without me breathing down his neck."

Chalklines

A PARTIAL LIST OF CURRENT PROJECTS

Star Lumber Distribution

Spangenberg Phillips Tice Architecture
Design Build

USD 375 Circle High School

DLR Group & PKHLS Architecture
Construction Management
<http://circleusd375.simpsonconst.com/>

Greene Vision Group

Shelden Architecture
Construction Management

American AgCredit Great Bend

Design Build

Equity Bank

Shelden Architecture
Construction Management at Risk

Chinese Garden of Friendship at Botanica

GLMV Architecture
Construction Management

USD 263 Mulvane

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

St. Catherine of Siena School

GLMV Architecture
Construction Management

Dodge City Community College Dorms

Spangenberg Phillips Tice Architecture
Design Build

Hickerson Dental

Health Facilities Group
Construction Management at Risk

USD 375 Oil Hill Elementary School

DLR Group & PKHLS Architecture
Construction Management
<http://circleusd375.simpsonconst.com/>

To see more projects, visit
www.simpsonconst.com

THE CORNER OFFICE

TAKING CARE OF OUR CLIENTS

Each January we all seem to make new resolutions, plans and roadmaps on how we are going to change personally and professionally in the year to come. We may want to lose a few pounds, run a faster mile, improve efficiency or deliver a better product to our customers. I have personally not made much headway on the first two suggestions. However, at Simpson Construction, we have stuck to the resolution we made in regard to the latter two. We took a new approach to our customer service with the launch of our new Client Care initiative.

We promptly promoted Jason Lien to head our efforts, focused on troubleshooting and warranty work for our clients. He has years in the industry and a proven record – always willing to listen to owners and address concerns in a timely manner. Jason is also charged with running some of our specialty jobs.

While our project managers and superintendents are still accessible to you, you'll probably catch Jason driving the streets or stopping in to your business to make sure we are tending to all your building needs. We hope you will appreciate having the attention of a dedicated staff member who is flexible and available to you when you need him.

I invite your feedback on this initiative or any others that might help Simpson Construction Services provide the best client care.



Bob Simpson



Jason Lien

