

JVCC Project Earns National Kudos

West Jordan-based center earns prestigious CARITAS Project's Eighth Annual Generative Space Award.

By Brad Fullmer



Judges recognized JVCC as a facility that “exhibits systematic improvements in health, vitality, and the well-being of individuals, organizations, and the community...” (photos courtesy TSA)

Salt Lake-based TSA Architects gained national recognition in September as the firm was presented with the CARITAS Project's Eighth Annual 'Generative Space Award' for the design of the Jordan Valley Cancer Center in West Jordan.

“It is really significant,” said Nathan Murray, Vice President of TSA. “Prior winners are the ‘best of the best’ so it’s a big deal for our firm and our client to win

this award.”

According to its website, The CARITAS Project aims to transform healthcare delivery projects through strategies and programs that produce ‘generative’ environments. Generative space, whether it’s an environment or place – both physical and social elements – is where the experience of building occupants fulfills the functional requirements of that space, while definitively improving their health and quality of life.

Generative space progressively and tangibly improves over time.

“There are not many awards that delve as broadly and deeply into building aspects,” Murray added. “It’s not just about a beautiful building; all pieces have to come together.

The facility – which is part of the Jordan Valley Medical Center campus – marks the first comprehensive cancer center for Boston-based Steward >>



Healthcare (formerly IASIS; Steward acquired 18 IASIS hospitals in 10 states for \$2 billion in October) in its system, and is the first full-service cancer center in the western Salt Lake Valley.

A panel of judges comprised of healthcare experts and architects worldwide looked at projects that cultivate intimate relationships within five user groups: patients, family, visitor, staff, and community. Judges comments included:

“The fact that the facility is a gathering place speaks to its success in removing the stigma of cancer. The spaces are actively connected to nature, look calm and...support collaboration; all needed in cancer care.”

“I liked this from the beginning. Unusually for cancer centers, this entry... builds its story around communities, beginning with people living with cancer

and moving outwards through families, staff and the wider locality. It puts into practice the ‘new paradigm’ LBD diagram in breaking out of a bilateral transactional relationship to embrace the admittedly complex interactions between service user, provider and community. The architecture follows...in carefully thought through, space-forming, empathetic finishes, and legibility. This story is therefore about people and not just space.”

“The Jordan Valley Cancer Center is at heart a generative space, designed as such and recognized by its users as a good place to be at a time of crisis.”

“...the Center alone exhibits systemic improvements in health, vitality, and the well-being of the individuals, organizations, and the community as depicted in The New Paradigm diagram. The stand-out features of this project

include its comprehensiveness of specialty providers and the Nurse Navigators model of care which makes the facility unique. The Center definitely has the physical and social features that help create a generative space including a nature-inspired healing oasis.” ■

Jordan Valley Cancer Center

Owner: Rockworth Development
Client: IASIS Healthcare (now Steward Healthcare); Jordan Valley Medical Center
Size: 25,000 SF
Start/Completion: July 2015/July 2016
Architect: TSA Architects
GC: Layton Construction
Civil: Great Basin Engineering
Structural: BHB Engineers
Electrical: Envision Engineering
Mechanical: David L. Jensen & Assoc.