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Three Leading Houston Architecture and Design Firms Join Forces for the Good Shepherd

HOUSTON, TEXAS – Three leading Houston architecture and design firms—Abel Design Group, HOK, and Kirksey Architecture—have joined forces with CBRE and other real estate industry and construction leaders to design a new campus for the Good Shepherd, a residential treatment center in Tomball that supports and counsels at-risk boys between the ages of 7 and 17.

Plans are underway to break ground on the new campus in 2017.

This collaborative effort to improve the lives of Harris County’s children was spearheaded by non-profit Building New Foundations, a group of construction and real estate industry professionals that started informally in 2009 to help with small projects on the Good Shepherd campus.

“The more we helped with repairs around the campus, the more evident it became that the boys needed a new home,” said Hayden Austin, founder of Building New Foundations and CBRE Managing Director.

Building New Foundations will host a golf tournament on November 7 at The Clubs of Kingwood to continue to raise funds for the construction of the campus. To date, the organization has raised more than \$700,000 worth of monetary and in-kind donations towards renovation efforts, as well as to assist in the support and treatment of the boys at the Good Shepherd. In addition to ongoing fundraising efforts, Building New Foundations is seeking support from subcontractors to aid in construction.



About Building New Foundations

Building New Foundations became a formalized 501(c)(3) in 2013. Its mission is to affect a positive transformation in the lives of the disadvantaged youth of the greater Houston area. By utilizing the community's human, financial and spiritual resources, we commit to altering their present state and their future by focusing on their mental, emotional, corporal, educational and spiritual health and growth, as well as improving their current physical environment.

About Abel Design Group

Founded in Houston, Texas in 2001, Abel Design Group is a premiere architecture and design firm that offers architecture and design services for corporate, hospitality, restaurant and retail clients, nationally and internationally. Abel Design Group was recently selected for the third consecutive year for the Houston Business Journal's Fast 100 list, and was also selected as one of the Best Places to Work in the Houston Business Journal's annual competition for the second consecutive year.

About HOK

HOK is a global design, architecture, engineering and planning firm with an office in Houston. Through a network of 23 offices worldwide, HOK provides design excellence and innovation to create places that enrich people's lives and help clients succeed. *DesignIntelligence* consistently ranks HOK as a leader in sustainable, high-performance design and technology innovation.

About Kirksey Architecture

Kirksey is a Houston-based, sustainable architecture and interior design firm with more than 29 million sf of LEED® projects in their portfolio. Team-based in structure, Kirksey serves Commercial, Collegiate, Community, pK-12, Government, Healthcare, Hospitality, Religious, Science & Technology, and Multi-Family Residential markets.

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