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La Rabida Wins Prestigious Construction Award
CBC Jury Awards Outpatient Center Top Prize

(CHICAGO) The Chicago Building Congress (CBC) recently awarded La Rabida Children's Hospital its Merit Award for the hospital's Outpatient Center, which celebrated its grand opening in 2014.

La Rabida was chosen from among four finalists for construction projects under \$15M by a juried competition with judges representing professional construction associations, architecture, general contractors, consultants, attorneys and engineering fields.

Finalists competing with La Rabida included a nature center, temple and charter school. Criteria included distinctiveness of the design, quality of construction, the project's safety record and the impact on the community.

Nestled on the shores of Lake Michigan, the 13,000-square-foot outpatient clinic includes floor to ceiling windows, a garden beside the large waiting area, and a design theme that reflects the hospital's lakeside location.

For the final stage of the competition La Rabida President and CEO Brenda Wolf presented to the panel of judges, along with Berglund Construction, the general contractor, and VOA Associates, the project architect. Each presenter emphasized the unique qualities of the project in respect to the award criteria.

"We're very pleased by this honor and that the CBC recognized both the innovation, creativity and aesthetic beauty of the outpatient center and the important role that this project plays in providing care to children with special health care needs and the support we offer families," said Wolf.

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By uniting diverse members of the city's building community, CBC aims to "unite the industry in a shared purpose; advance the art, science and technology; and provide members with networking and educational opportunities," according to CBC. Among its members are real estate professionals, general contractors, subcontractors, engineering firms and architects.

This is the second time the hospital has earned a Merit Award through CBC, having been awarded for the S.S. La Rabida Inpatient Unit in 2003.

ABOUT LA RABIDA

The only hospital of its kind in Chicago, La Rabida Children's Hospital provides primary and specialty care to children with medically complex, lifelong conditions regardless of the family's financial circumstances.

Services and programs include treatment for chronic conditions like diabetes and sickle cell disease, as well as care for developmental disabilities like cerebral palsy and Down syndrome. In addition, La Rabida specializes in the treatment of children who are dependent on technology, those in need of rehabilitative services, and who have experienced trauma.

Under one roof, La Rabida offers access to board-certified pediatricians and specialty physicians, advance practice nurses, physical and occupational therapists, speech-language pathologists, dietitians, social workers and mental health professionals. All have dedicated their careers to pediatric health care and are committed to our philosophy of a holistic, interdisciplinary team approach.

The hospital's mission to enable children to reach their highest potential has been unwavering since 1896. La Rabida's provides and coordinates care, support and education for patients inside and out of the hospital, so kids can worry about one thing: being kids.

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