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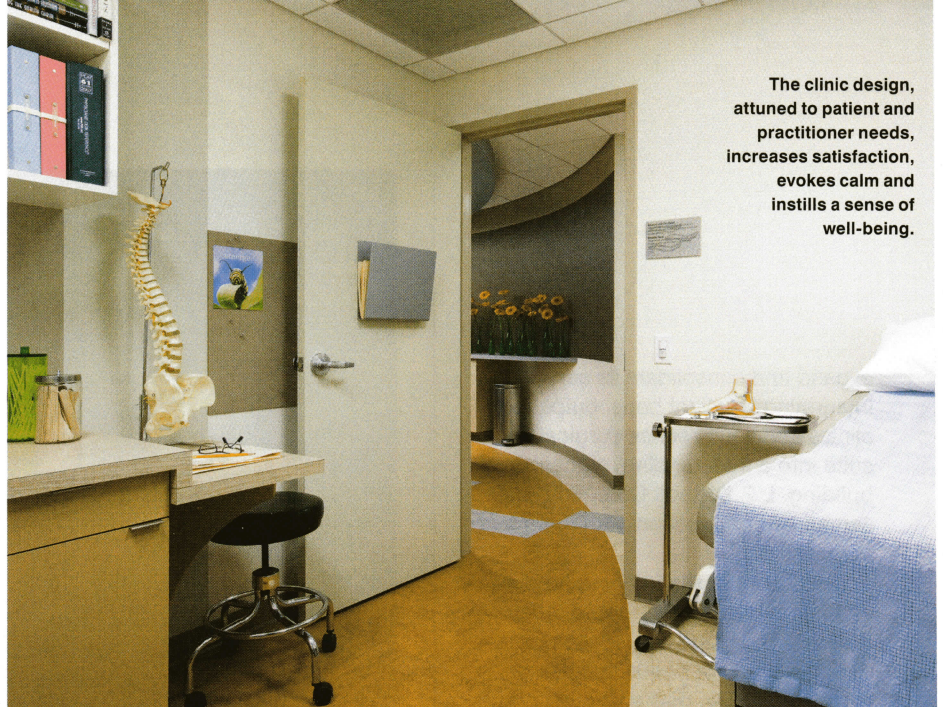
### Kahler Slater wins 2012 Patient Empowered Room Design Competition

The inpatient hospital room designed by a team from Kahler Slater won the nationwide 2012 Patient Empowered Room Design Competition. Presented by the Institute for Patient-Centered Design Inc., the competition challenged design teams from around the



country to submit plans for an ideal inpatient hospital room that would facilitate patient-centered care by creating conditions where patients, their families and caregivers can actively participate in the care plan, promoting desired health outcomes.

A full-scale model of the winning design — complete with furnishings, fixtures and equipment — was on display during the Healthcare Design Conference. Features of the room included: a family zone with sleeper sofa, refrigerator and desk and technology that gives the patient control of window shades, lighting and room temperature. An iPad dock and smart TV allow patients to access the Internet and request room service. In addition, a bathroom grab bar with imbedded lights automatically illuminates at the patient's touch.



The clinic design, attuned to patient and practitioner needs, increases satisfaction, evokes calm and instills a sense of well-being.

## Two projects named Generative Space Award recipients



The votes have been tallied and the results are in. This year's recipients of the Generative Space Award are bestowed to the Arlington Free Clinic in Arlington, Va., designed by Perkins+Will and the Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, located in Chicago, Ill. and designed by ZGF Architects LLP, Solomon Cordwell Buenz and Anderson Mikos Architects, Ltd.

The Generative Space Award was introduced to: 1) build a new knowledge base about generative space and the benefits of its application; 2) identify and give recognition to exemplary projects that provide community-wide learning opportunities to systemically and sustainably improve health through the design of the environment; 3) raise awareness of this new method of practice and the benefits that it affords and 4) bring generative space design into mainstream professional practice as a new paradigm.

The Arlington Free Clinic is a private, nonprofit and community-based organization providing medical care at no charge to low-income, uninsured adults completely through volunteers and donations. The 8,600-square-foot facility accommodates four primary functions: delivering patient care, organizing 700 volunteers, engaging community and fundraising.

"The clinic has always been a



Design elements of the project, including pattern language and lighting, help shape an environment designed to heal.

place doing good for the community," said Perkins+Will Design Principal Tama Duffy Day. "But with this opportunity to build a new clinic, they sought to align their physical space with their mission and that made all the difference."

The facility is the first LEED-Gold free clinic in the nation, something Duffy Day said takes vision.

"That vision from their executive director, Nancy Sanger Pallesen, allowed us to design an incredible and healthy environment that is improving not only the health of their patients, but the health of their whole community," she said.

Dr. Wayne Ruga, FAIA, FIIDA, Hon. FASID, founder and president of The CARITAS Project, the organization that

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Lurie Children's is located on a 1.8-acre site on Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine Campus in downtown Chicago, Ill. It is the world's tallest children's hospital.



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presents the awards, said the Arlington Free Clinic is a "true beacon project."

"Not only does it provide high-quality free healthcare to individuals outside of the mainstream health insurance safety net, it is an example of how a community can generate the resources required to improve the lives of its residents by designing, building, maintaining, operating and improving both the environment and its caring services," Dr. Ruga added.

At 23 stories, the new 1.3-million-square-foot Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital of Chicago, the tallest children's hospital in the world, integrates inpatient and ambulatory care, diagnostic and treatment spaces and clinical support.

Lurie Children's is located on a 1.8-acre site on Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine Campus, north of the downtown business center of Chicago.

This location will increase clinical, academic and research opportunities. The facility is also connected by bridges to the Prentice Women's Hospital, which will allow for faster transport of critically ill newborns.

The design team engaged patients, families and the wider community to create an innovative and family centered care environment that provides children with access to the best in pediatric medicine and research.

"The new Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children's Hospital in Chicago is a leading example

of how generative space can be effectively used to not only improve lives and organizational performance, but it also demonstrates how an innovatively designed caring environment can be used to improve the overall well-being of a broad community," Dr. Ruga said. "As a recipient of the Third Annual Generative Space Award, this project is a living classroom for the advanced study of applying generative space to a large-scale medical institution and — as such — it is well-deserving of receiving this distinguished acknowledgement."

To learn more about this year's winners, visit [www.aplacetoflourish.net](http://www.aplacetoflourish.net). The call for entries is also available online; the deadline is June 15.



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