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"Healing By Design"

Theme of *Architecture Minnesota* January-February 2004 edition

Minneapolis, Minnesota - - What makes a healing environment? The January-February edition of *Architecture Minnesota*, "Healing By Design," explores the architecture of health, healing and wellness by expanding on the traditional definition of healthcare—hospitals and clinics—to include research facilities, a center for children with autism, a meditation center and a home for a woman with chemical sensitivities.

In Editor's Note, Camille LeFevre explains that while seeking an array of health and healing projects to feature, she discovered "a profound level of care, research, and dedication—on the part of the design teams" reflected in the featured projects, as well as clients who desire "to make interiors less clinical and more homey." She also discusses how people often take the built environment for granted, and encourages readers to actively notice the architecture around them. Not only do architects shelter our bodies but indeed enrich our lives through good design.

Highlights of the January-February issue include:

- Essays on parks as the lungs of a city, the importance of pedestrian-friendly cities and the healing power of gardens
- A high-tech dental practice with the feel of a northwoods lodge
- A healthcare center modeled after a small town, utilizing gathering spaces and treatment "neighborhoods"
- The M.I.N.D. Institute, a research center and clinic for children with autism, with special care given to architectural details to make the child-patients feel comfortable
- A private residence specially created for a woman with chemical sensitivities
- A meditation center for people recovering from substance abuse
- A University of Minnesota biomedical research facility
- A directory of consulting engineering firms

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