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RTA Architects and Nunn Construction Celebrate the Opening of the New Year-Round Shelter at the Springs Rescue Mission

Colorado Springs, Colo. (November 18 2016) – RTA Architects and Nunn Construction announce the opening of the new 168-bed year-round shelter at the Springs Rescue Mission (SRM). This is one of several phases to assist SRM with the expansion of services to the homeless and other at-risk residents of Colorado Springs. SRM’s services range from life-sustaining aid to rehabilitative housing and job training, all with the goal of promoting transformation and empowering a path out of homelessness.

RTA Architects completed a comprehensive master plan for the Springs Rescue Mission to provide for immediate and future needs through a vision of “design with dignity.” The condition and size of the existing facilities limited SRM’s capacity and ability to function efficiently. The campus master plan delineates an aspirational progression from relief to recovery and embodies SRM’s mission of promoting grace, truth, and healing.

RTA’s Principal-in-Charge Stuart Coppedge, AIA, said, “We at RTA love working with clients who are making such a powerful difference in our community. We are humbled by SRM’s passion and incredibly honored to be a part of this team.”

Nunn Construction President Tyson Nunn stated, “Our team’s focus has been on the men and women in our community who need this shelter for survival. We are grateful to be a part of the effort to make this project a reality for our underserved neighbors. It is very gratifying to build projects that matter to our community.”

The design team repurposed two existing buildings on campus into the newly opened year-round shelter. Next steps include the Resource Center projected to open in the Spring of 2017 providing dedicated space for services from multiple agencies including physical and mental health, laundry, and showers. Future phases include a new Welcome Center and a large kitchen/dining facility with dining for 200, dedicated space for job training in the culinary arts, and dedicated space for Mission Catering.

“RTA and Nunn Construction went above and beyond anything we could have asked for in a contractor and Architect firm” said Larry Yonker, CEO & President of Springs Rescue Mission. “The Architects took the time to understand who we are as an organization and more importantly, what our guests need and desire in a place to stay. RTA has truly captured and brought to life the idea of ‘designing with dignity.’”

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About RTA Architects

RTA Architects has created award winning architectural and interior designs for the Colorado built environment since 1975. RTA specializes in education, healthcare, retail, and commercial properties, delivering beautiful buildings that serve the unique needs of their owners and occupants. In addition to our core strength of architecture and design for new construction, renovation, and adaptive re-use projects, RTA provides technical expertise in a broad range of related services including: feasibility studies; site selection and comparative analysis; master planning; site planning; facility programming; interior design; and environmental graphics, signage and way-finding. RTA’s website is located at www.rtaarchitects.com.

About Nunn Construction

Nunn Construction, Inc. is a Construction Manager/General Contractor specializing in commercial building projects that matter to our community. Headquartered in Colorado Springs since 1983, Nunn is a customer focused company offering comprehensive knowledge and expertise of the Colorado marketplace. Nunn focuses resources on select assignments, instead of large volumes. We are an industry leader in complex building projects. Learn more at www.nunnconstruction.com.

About Springs Rescue Mission

In 1996, our founders began providing sandwiches to homeless people in Colorado Springs in parks and under bridges. At the same time, they began inviting young homeless couples to stay in their home to give them a head start on life-change. Soon after, they

opened a food pantry in one room of a small building. These humble beginnings rapidly grew into a wide range of programs intended to serve the 27,000 households living below the poverty line in the Pikes Peak region. Today, we maintain a Four Star “Exceptional Charity” rating with Charity Navigator and have received awards for excellence from the El Pomar Foundation in its human services category (most recently in 2014), an award for collaboration from Pikes Peak United Way in 2015, recognition for invaluable community contributions in the House of Representatives from Congressman Doug Lamborn, and endorsements from three Colorado Springs Mayors. Springs Rescue Mission’s unique offering of relief and rehabilitation programs is a recognized and invaluable part of the Colorado Springs community. Springs Rescue Mission’s website is located at www.springsrescuemission.org.



RTA-generated architectural rendering of the emergency shelter and Resource Center at the Springs Rescue Mission. Photo credit: RTA Architects



RTA generated graphics to communicate Springs Rescue Mission’s vision for the campus and to assist with fundraising. Photo credit: RTA Architects



Springs Rescue Mission's President & CEO Larry Yonker celebrates the opening of the new year-round shelter designed by RTA Architects and constructed by Nunn Construction.
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