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Coalition’s Center for Women and Families Renovated During AEC Cares Blitz Build

ConstructConnect, The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and Hanley Wood Media collaborate with sponsors to improve Orlando-area homeless shelter

ORLANDO, Fla. (Thursday, April 27) – On Wednesday, April 26th the Coalition’s Center for Women and Families (CWF) was renovated during the Annual AEC Cares Blitz Build event. More than 100 design and construction volunteers gathered together, a day before the AIA National Conference on Architecture, to rejuvenate the front lobby, family dorm hallways and family room, making it warmer and brighter for the 240 men, women and children who call the CWF “home”.

AEC Cares is a nonprofit founded by architecture and construction professionals who, for the past 7 years, have devoted the Blitz Build to help the community where their conference takes place. ConstructConnect, The American Institute of Architects (AIA) and Hanley Wood Media, leading manufacturers, generous sponsors and volunteers from across the U.S. participated in yesterday’s project.

“We are honored and very grateful for the work that AEC Cares did to renovate the Center for Women and Families,” says John E. Hearn, President/CEO of the Coalition. “The updated and welcoming atmosphere will provide hope to the hundreds of families who walk through our doors each year.”

During the Blitz Build, volunteers gathered together for a luncheon that recognized the sponsor’s contributions to the project as well as a testimonial from a former client of the Coalition.

“We were excited to partner with the AIA, Hanley Wood and our generous donors to help the Coalition better serve the hundreds of Orlando homeless who depend on them for food, shelter, and services. Working together, we can leave Orlando better than we found it,” says Laura Marlow, ConstructConnect Vice President of Strategic Partnerships and AEC Cares Executive Director.

Photos from the project are available here: https://www.dropbox.com/sh/eivncrbxz298dwn/AADxojIlFgttFq1mV9YCah4oa?dI=0

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About Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida

Since 1987, Coalition for the Homeless of Central Florida has transformed the lives of homeless men, women and children by providing crucial services to end their crisis of homelessness. Each night, the Coalition serves more than 500 individuals, including an average of 140 children. In the past year, 1,019 of our clients moved on from one of our programs to permanent housing. For more information, visit www.centralfloridahomeless.org.