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Architectural Feature Story: Project Liliya



“Liliya sent me some pictures a few days ago that I thought you would enjoy. Some of her friends/volunteers planned a surprise Chanukah party for her inside her new apartment. This is the type of wonderful activity that we hoped would happen for Liliya with her new space – and it is happening! I hope you feel pride and joy looking at the photos, knowing that you have really made a difference in this amazing young woman’s life.” – Bassie Shemtov, Friendship Circle

When the staff at Friendship Circle put out the call for support with Project Liliya last year, it was answered with overwhelming generosity from a number of local companies. The studio apartment was donated by Matt Lester and Ashley Oleshanki of Princeton Management. The interior design and coordination was donated and provided by Shari Stein of Partners In Design Inc. The structural concepts were provided by Harold Remlinger of Remlinger Architekts, and all of the construction was provided by Sheldon Yellen and Mike Barnett of Belfor USA.

Liliya was born in Russia and diagnosed with cerebral palsy as a baby. When Liliya was four, her parents sacrificed everything to bring her to the United States so she could receive better medical attention. Liliya, now 21 and living with the cerebral palsy that confines her to a wheelchair, saw her new dream home away-from-home for the first time as Channel 7 News broadcast the surprise to homes across Metro Detroit. Her new space is a specialized, renovated studio apartment of her own — gifted to her by Friendship Circle and generous Michigan companies.



Before renovation bath



After renovation bath



Living area after renovation



Built in Murphy bed



[Click here](#) to see the Channel 7 news clip about how this team created a space designed around Liliya's special life!

Citizen Architect, Harold J Remlinger, AIA, LEED AP, NCARB



“As architects, we are well versed in many different fields of design and construction. We have the opportunity to integrate building code requirements with human needs to develop solutions that benefit citizens and preserve architectural character. I love having the opportunity to educate and create collaboration in every process on every project.”

Principal Architect of [DesignTeam Plus, LLC](#) and [Team-4-Community](#), Harold has over 24 years of experience working in the field of Architecture and Construction. As a Michigan licensed architect and builder and a licensed architect in Ohio and Florida, Harold has designed, developed and observed the successful completion of a multitude of residential and commercial projects varying in scale and complexity.

As a former adjunct professor at Lawrence Technological Institute (LTU), his teaching philosophy focuses on providing high quality, broad-based academic direction and leadership. Working with Habitat for Humanity Oakland County, he helped develop their new sustainable mixed-use, mixed-income, multi-family housing program. Harold facilitated and coordinated his LTU students, provided direction, programing and designs for the “Lean Green High School” for the Detroit Edison Public School Academy and The Engineering Society of Detroit.

Recently, he has donated design services for an [extreme apartment make over](#) for a member of the non-profit group “The Friendship Circle.” Bassie Shemtov, Director of the Friendship Circle, shares, “Harold ensured that communication was maintained throughout the many components of “[Team Liliya](#).” He stunned us with his creative and innovative designs and implemented all of his ideas with supreme professionalism. Harold treated this renovation like a million dollar project and yet volunteered his services. This project was successful because of Harold's commitment. We are honored to have worked with him and are sincerely grateful for his outstanding work and most importantly, his generous spirit that led this project.”

Harold is an active member of A.I.A., Detroit USGBC, NCARB, and Vice Chair of the Village of Warren Historic Commission. He has presented at a variety of groups such as *Green Team*, *NARI* of Tampa Bay, *ASHRAE*, Stadium Drive Elementary School and Van Dyke Public Schools on topics relating to sustainability and renewable energy solutions.

As Harold's involvement has demonstrated, architects who serve and lead impact how the profession of architecture is perceived and respected. They help improve the profession and the built world by teaching and showing others that we can make our communities better through well-designed spaces and buildings.

Apply Now for the 2013 Evans Historic Preservation Grant

Applications are now available for the 2013 Evans Historic Preservation Grant, funded by the Michigan Architectural Foundation. This grant:

- Promotes the practice of historic preservation
- Gives encouragement and support to not-for-profit (501c3) community groups seeking to restore important resources
- Showcases innovative solutions to specific preservation problems
- Encourages architects to embrace preservation projects
- Acknowledges the contribution of historic preservation architect, David Evans, FAIA

\$7,500 will be awarded for fees or hard costs of a preservation project located in Michigan. Criteria used to select the recipient are:

- Preserve an historic property or artifact that may otherwise be lost.
- Demonstrate a creative solution to a preservation problem; i.e., adaptive reuse
- Benefit the community aesthetically and/or through increased visibility.
- The award will leverage other funds and will contribute to the continued viability of the historic property.

Applications are due March 15, 2013. For more information or to apply, [click here](#).
To view past winners, [click here](#).

Apply for Michigan Architectural Foundation 2013 Scholarships

MAF awards scholarships annually to students who are completing their Bachelor Degree program and who have been accepted or are currently enrolled in a professional program leading to a Master of Architecture degree. Money has been raised from many activities and sources over many years to underwrite these scholarships, and the five awards have been named for the primary donors and/or supporters.

The scholarship awards for 2013 are as follows:

- AIA Michigan President's Scholarship (\$4,000)
- American Institute of Architect's Scholarship (\$1,500)
- Kenneth Neumann Design Scholarship (\$1,000 plus a summer internship with the firm Neumann Smith Associates in Southfield, MI)
- Professional Concepts Insurance Agency Scholarship (\$1,000)
- HED Alvin Ernest Harley AIA's Graduate Scholarship (\$1,000)
- John Banicki Scholarship (\$1,000)
- Daniel W. Toshach & AIA Saginaw Valley Chapter Scholarship (\$1000)

Each student applicant is required to submit a completed application form, a full college transcript, a personal statement describing leadership, design, or community accomplishments, a copy of the

student's design portfolio, three letters of reference, and a school cost and personal financial budget. The jury must take all information into consideration, but has discretion as to the weight of the categories of information.

Letters and posters are sent to all of the Schools of Architecture in Michigan to solicit applications from deserving students. The Deans are contacted to strengthen the communication between MAF and the schools.

Below are the different forms available, simply click them to download them.

- [Michigan Architectural Foundation 2013 Scholarship Application Requirements \(PDF file\)](#)
- [Michigan Architectural Foundation 2013 Scholarship Application \(Word File\)](#)
- [Michigan Architectural Foundation 2013 Scholarship Application \(on-line form\)](#)
- [Michigan Architectural Foundation 2013 Scholarship Poster \(PDF file\)](#)

Applications are due April 4, 2013.

Upcoming Events

18th Annual Architects, Engineers & Surveyors Legislative Day

Wednesday, March 13, 2013

Christman University • Ground Floor, The Christman Building • 208 N. Capitol, Lansing, MI

[Click here](#) for more information or to register.

Save the date for the 2013 Dumke Open

May 23 is the third annual [Dumke Open](#).....this year the event will be played at the [Stonebridge Golf Club](#) in Ann Arbor, a links type course designed by Arthur Hills.

The Owners, Doug and Kim Mervis, have a natural talent for making their guests feel welcomed and ready to join them again. The combination of a good centralized location, the quality of the food, course and clubhouse, excellent service and a good dollar value, is sure to provide an enjoyable time.

Stay tuned for more information coming soon...

Health Facilities Conference

March 7-8 at the Amway Grand Plaza. [Click here](#) for more information or to register.

National Endowment for Humanities Workshop



National Endowment for Humanities Workshop-Frank Lloyd Wright & the Prairie School in the Midwest - Applications due by March 4, 2013



The Historic Park Inn Hotel designed by Frank Lloyd Wright.

"Frank Lloyd Wright and the Prairie School in the Midwest" is the subject of a National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks of American History Workshop for Teachers in the summer of 2013. To be held in Mason City, Iowa, at The Historic Park Inn Hotel - the last standing hotel in the world designed by Frank Lloyd Wright - the workshop will feature a faculty of leading experts on Wright; Prairie School architecture, landscaping and interior design; tours of significant Prairie School sites; and collaboration time with other educators to develop curriculum which uses architecture to teach history, culture and art.

The workshop is hosted by Wright on the Park, the non-profit organization that restored The Historic Park Inn Hotel in 2011 and now focuses its efforts on educational programming.

Teachers who attend will each receive a \$1,200 stipend to help offset the cost of attending the workshop. The workshop is offered at two different times; July 14-19 and August 4-9. Teachers, librarians and curriculum coordinators who wish to apply must submit an application by March 4, 2013. Attendees will be selected from the applicant pool and notified by April 1, 2013. A full description of the workshop is available at www.wrightonthepark.org. For more information e-mail Pat Schultz, Workshop Director at director@wrightonthepark.org or call the office at 641.423.0689.

Save the Date! 2nd Annual Great Lakes High Performance Building Conference



An Exhibition and Symposium at the Cranbrook Educational Community June 2013

Michigan's industry and design intertwined creating an epicenter of modern design. Michigan visionaries touched nearly every aspect of American life. Detroit's automobile manufacturers didn't just produce automobiles; they styled them to become synonymous with the American dream. The state's furniture makers didn't just manufacture furniture; they revolutionized the look of the American office and home. Michigan architects Albert Kahn, Eero Saarinen, and Minoru Yamasaki didn't just design buildings; they defined an era. Michigan's industry, prosperity, and educational institutions created a synergy that attracted the design talent that formed the foundation for modern American design. This exhibition celebrates Michigan's outstanding contributions to Modern design and the stories of the people who made it happen.

[Michigan Modern: Design that Shaped America](#) is organized by the Michigan State Historic Preservation Office in association with [Cranbrook Art Museum](#) and curated by MPdL Studio of Ann Arbor, Michigan. The exhibition will open at the Cranbrook Art Museum in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan on Friday, June 14, 2013 and run through October 13, 2013. A symposium celebrating Michigan Modern will be held at Cranbrook Thursday, June 13 – Sunday June, 16, 2013.

A PDF of the [Michigan Modern Symposium & Exhibition Save the Date Card](#) can be downloaded here.