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Community Partners Essential to Success of The Link Community Triage Center

Sioux Falls, South Dakota: The word “community” is essential when referencing The Link, the community triage center being built in downtown Sioux Falls. The Link recently selected three partners to help with the project work: Lloyd Companies, MSH Architects, and Sands Drywall.

“This project is only possible because of the tremendous community support both from our founding organizations and from many community partners,” says Steve Lindquist, project director for The Link. “Not only do we have the four founding organizations with the City of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, Avera, and Sanford, but we also have a growing number of partners who are helping turn this dream into a reality.”

Lloyd Companies is serving as the construction manager for the project, leading the renovation of the former City Annex building at 132 North Dakota Avenue.

“We’re honored to be managing The Link construction project and playing a role in creating a place that will serve such a critical need in our community,” says Lloyd Companies CEO Chris Thorkelson. “The Link truly fits our company’s mission, which is to create a better quality of life for the communities we serve. We’re committed to fulfilling The Link partners’ vision with a building that will serve the Sioux Falls area in new and powerful ways.”

The Link will be a safe location where people experiencing a nonviolent behavioral health crisis or needing care for substance or alcohol abuse can access immediate treatment and referral to support services.

The project is transforming the former City Annex building, which was previously used for other City services, from information technology to community health. Lindquist says it takes creative vision to drive this transformation, and that is where MSH Architects comes in.

Robin Miller, Chief Executive Officer for MSH Architects, served as the primary architect for the renovation of the Annex building in 1989 when the City converted a furniture store to house Falls Community Health. So, he says, he has come full circle with the opportunity to be part of The Link project.

“We are so proud to have been selected for this project,” says Miller. “We see how important The Link will be for the community, and we understand how personal lives will be impacted by our work. One of our primary goals is to take what could easily feel like an institutional facility and design it so that it feels comfortable and homelike for the clients and families.”

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Once construction starts, MSH will oversee the process to ensure that design standards are met. They will work with other partners such as Sands Drywall, who will be heading up work on the steel studs and drywall during the renovation.

“Our company is very excited to be a part of the new triage center,” said Greg Sands, CEO of Sands Drywall. “It will benefit our community by getting people the help they need at the right facility. It is such a wonderful, and needed, addition to our great city. The Link will help families and save lives.”

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About The Link

The Link will be a safe location where people experiencing a nonviolent behavioral health crisis or needing care for substance/alcohol abuse can access immediate treatment and referral to support services. The Link will provide detox and sobering services, psychiatric crisis stabilization, assessments for substance use disorders, initiation to medically assisted treatment for opioid addiction, and other community-based support services