

Cleveland, Ohio

The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland

Facts & Figures

Owner: The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland, OH

Type of Project: A replacement healthcare clinic

Architect: City Architecture Inc., Cleveland, OH

General Contractor: D-A-S

Construction Co., Cleveland, OH

Size: 34,000 square feet

Cost: \$6.5 million (construction costs)

Construction Time: 2000 - 2003

The Need: Improved patient flow and more space in an updated clinic

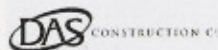
The Challenge: Constructing the new clinic right next to the existing open facility

Supportive Team Members

Competitive Interiors, Inc.
Interior Contractors

Imperial Heating & Cooling Inc.
HVAC

Neff & Associates
Engineers, Planners, Landscape
Architects, Surveyors



The Free Medical Clinic of Greater Cleveland's new facility provides an improved and updated atmosphere with ample space to offer its free healthcare services.

Serving more than 20,000 people a year without patient cost or eligibility requirements, the new 34,000-square-foot clinic comprises 18 fully equipped med-

ical exam rooms, five dental operatives (stations), three group therapy rooms, a modern laboratory, X-ray facilities, a health education center and an expanded pharmacy. Constructed on a new steel frame, the brick veneer building features translucent window panels, skylights and a scalloped entrance canopy.

The facility was built right next to the former Free Clinic, which was demolished after the new building's completion and turned into a parking lot for patients and staff. "This phased construction created many logistical and traffic flow issues because parking was severely [affected] and the buildings shared common utilities during construction," said Ty Stewart, director of construction and real estate development at D-A-S Construction Co., the project's general contractor.

Other challenges included managing undisclosed gas tanks on the site and five truckloads of marble monuments that were unearthed during excavation. D-A-S Construction worked carefully with the design team and the owner to overcome these issues, providing cost analysis projections to aid in the selection and design of corrective measures. As a result, final costs were substantially reduced without sacrificing the building's appearance.

"The new construction is transformational, as the Free Clinic is now more aesthetically pleasing and convenient for patients, and it sets a positive tone for those who may feel less than welcome in other facilities because of their inability to pay for care," said Gail Bromley, the clinic's executive director. "The staff, volunteers and patients are able to interact in an environment that is user friendly, respectful and state of the art." ■

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