

BEST OF

2006

# Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital

PROJECT OF THE YEAR - Health Care

## Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital

initiated a phased, two-year, fast-track replacement hospital and parking structure in west-suburban Wheaton, Ill.

The facility is located on a four-acre site on a 65-acre campus, and hospital services and operations were ongoing during construction.

The new, 175,000-sq.-ft., three-floor facility has 120 private, inpatient rooms, each offering a view of the wooded campus or gardens. The building will also have a partial basement and enclosed penthouse.

The new building is a post-tensioned concrete structure and required coordination.

**Healing Patients with Design** The project goal was to build a sanctuary of healing.

Patients will be located in one of six healing and treatment communities anchored by centrally located nursing stations.

The hospital features a two-story main lobby and 15-ft.-high cascading waterfall, thereby focusing on patients' mind, body and spirit.

Other features include a two-story



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ing gardens, open-air tree- and plant-filled Enabling Garden, Labyrinth Garden based on the original labyrinths at Chartres Cathedral in France and accommodations for mature trees.

**'Nourishing Body and Spirit'** The Wheaton Franciscan Sister believe "The land makes possible great healing, nourishing body and spirit."

As a result, preserving the facility's 60-

merous mature oak, hickory and other species, some estimated to be 200 to 250 years old. These trees required special care, fertilization and maintenance during construction to ensure their health.

**Jury Comments:** "This must have been a difficult project. The Franciscan sisters are very particular about what goes on.

"We like that they tried to keep as many trees as possible. It's very pristine.

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chapel, glass-walled cafeteria overlooking the Labyrinth Garden, two-story chapel with simple altar, custom-designed stained glass windows and semi-private balcony providing access to the chapel for patients on upper floors.

Environmental elements include heal-

acre natural environment was important. This was an issue because the new hospital and parking structure are twice the size of the existing facility.

Plans called for the new structures to be built on top of parking lots.

The building sites were adjacent to nu-

### Key Players

**Owner:** Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital

**Construction Manager:** Gilbane Building Co.

**Architect:** Stephen Rankin Associates