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CDH Partners, Inc was founded in 1977 and is a C-Corporation established in the state of Georgia in 1996. CDH serves its clients through a sole location in Atlanta, GA.

CDH Partners is an award-winning, fully integrated design firm serving clients nationwide. CEO and President Melissa Cantrell and Vice President David Strickland along with Jonathan Fallin, Mary Lindeman, Carine Kroko, Danny Mackey, and Rhea Jeanne Starnes make up the firm’s leadership team. Our cohesive design team includes talented architects, interior designers and support staff who embrace a client-centered design approach.

The buildings we design foster the most fundamental human needs, including space for fellowship, faith and support. Every employee at CDH shares a purpose-driven mentality – to build better lives through design. This creates an integrated team of architects, interior designers, and support staff who are fully invested in our clients’ mission. The resulting facilities provide personalized environments that enable our clients to succeed.

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Sr Associate / Owner



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Sr Associate / Owner



40
TEAM
MEMBERS

28
Architectural
(14 Registered)

3
Interior Designers
(3 Registered)

9
Support Staff

10
LEED Accredited
Professionals
(Included in total)



ARYLESSENCE

MARIETTA, GA

Arylescence, a leading developer and manufacturer of fragrances and flavors, needed a new corporate headquarters and R and D facility to elevate their brand and pave the way for growth. They wanted a modern facility that would represent their innovation to clients and lead to ongoing success in a highly competitive market.

CDH Partners worked with Arylescence to design a new two-story, 35,000 SF corporate headquarters and R and D center where they could welcome clients, monitor trends, and find inspiration for new scents. The building, which is triple the size of their former facility, includes custom offices, conference rooms, an innovation technology lab, applications lab, and a flavor lab, where perfumers can reverse engineer scents and create a fragrance profile.

CDH listened to and incorporated all of Arylescence's needs and desires for its new facility, such as sustainable features and local, natural building materials. The reception area uses marble from Tate, Georgia, and each conference room entryway has energy-saving electrochromic smart glass that adds extra privacy. Outside, the garden has a beautiful display of common scent sources and Chihuly-style glass sculptures that reflect the company's brand.

Arylescence clients have taken notice of the elegant atmosphere as well as the increased capabilities that the new facility provides. As a result, the company has experienced seven straight months of significant growth.





NORFOLK SOUTHERN - TRAINING FACILITY

MCDONOUGH, GA

Norfolk Southern Corporation needed to enlarge their training facilities located in McDonough, Georgia. The 22,784 SF building provides six large education training rooms. The entry level includes a new administration area with an office for the facility manager, eight workstations, and a conference room. Also, located on the entry level are two 2,700 SF lecture halls separated by a wide corridor used for gathering. The upper lecture halls are equipped with the ability to teleconference lectures to and from other corporate locations. The lower level also has two lecture halls of the same size but can be divided by operable walls to allow for flexibility based on space needs. The lower level includes a break room and locker rooms. The interior finishes for the new building are bright and refined. The lobby, administration and corridor have open ceilings revealing the infrastructure of the building. The exterior includes brick, metal panels and glass. Natural lighting is used throughout with curtain wall and clerestory windows.





NORTHEAST GEORGIA HEALTH SYSTEM CORPORATE PLAZA

GAINESVILLE, GA

As a rapidly growing healthcare provider, Northeast Georgia Health System (NGHS) realized the need to locate many system administrative support functions under one roof. In an effort to promote Lean collaboration, the administrative site is centrally located and remotely supported multiple hospital and healthcare campuses.

Lean is a process improvement technique that focuses on maximizing utilization of resources and minimizing waste. NGHS has used this approach across the entire organization to increase the quality of patient care and employee satisfaction.

Architects developed a plan for the interior and exterior renovation of the 109,000 square foot adaptive re-use project. What was once a vacant Sam's Club is now transforming into a vibrant office. With a near-term projection of 480 employees from 20 departments that will move into the open plan, architects are working with administrators and employees from every department to design a flexible, adaptable space that meets the system future work flow goals.

Inter and intra department collaboration is a primary focus in the new design. The design process features visioning of collaborative support spaces including multi-function training and meeting rooms as well as a fitness center and work café. Northeast Georgia is focused on maximizing and sharing resources. This new office utilizes shared conference rooms and open collaborative spaces throughout the building.

A natural color palette and inviting finishes will complement the standardized flexible systems furniture. As departments grow and expand, the plan will adapt to the changing needs. The lighting will utilize 58 existing skylights, daylight harvesting, and innovative lighting fixtures to create a comfortable and environmentally conscious design.

This highly collaborative and contemporary office setting focuses on employee comfort and satisfaction. Support nourishment stations and the opportunity to work in a variety of postures and groups will motivate employees to love their new office. A multi-phase department move-in began in the Summer 2014.





RA-LIN CORPORATE OFFICE

CARROLLTON, GA

This interior renovation transformed an existing historic bank building in downtown Carrollton, into a contemporary office. When you enter the second level office space from the elevator you are greeted by a reception area and museum that showcases the history of the company.

A combination of rough and refined materials were used to showcase some of the materials and processes that the company utilize in projects for their clients. The floor plan is then broken down into suites that mirror the way that the company is organized and works. A mix of open office and private offices with glass fronts take advantage of the historic full-glass curtain wall system on the existing building.





TOCCOA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

TOCCOA, GA

First Baptist Toccoa is a very active community church with a growing student population. Even though this church is located in a rural area in northeast Georgia, it is known for its progressive building program. Over the years, the church has expanded to meet the needs of a growing congregation.

The church's leadership team realized many of its young families were leaving the church in search of broader and more progressive form of worship. This is when they contacted CDH Partners and asked for assistance in retaining their current student population and expanding it to attract others from the surrounding communities.

Designers created a building that goes beyond meeting the needs of the church's teens. While the focus of the new addition is primarily focused on students and teens, this new 14,500 SF space accommodates a broad range of age groups and includes a contemporary multipurpose space that is used for worship, recreation, and church fellowships. The area is equipped with a state-of-the-art stage and elevated sound booth.

The facility was designed with community in mind and offers meeting and gathering spaces. The cafe with stained concrete floors serve as a perfect location for friends to meet and talk. An enclosed glass corridor serves as a welcoming transition from a traditional church environment to this newly design contemporary space.





WELLSTAR CORPORATE OFFICE

MARIETTA, GA

The complete renovation of the 112,000 SF Wellstar Corporate Office Building encompasses multiple phases of construction. The project scope includes the renovation of the two-story lobby area with a reception desk. Window walls allow natural light to flow into a new executive boardroom that accommodates up to 40 people. This area has state-of-the-art telecommunication equipment, which includes drop down projection screens, smart boards, wireless communications, flat screen televisions, and a small kitchen with an espresso bar.

The three-story, T-shaped building contains nine departments with individual conference rooms. Each one was renovated with a warm color palette and new technology. These areas also contain small kitchens and work areas that include printing and telecommunication equipment. The lower level contains a full service gourmet kitchen and cafe. A window wall in this area overlooks a mature landscaped patio with outdoor seating.

CDH facilitated the relocation of 300 employees to this location. The management of this move included the documentation and relocation of all existing furniture and the procurement of new furniture.





NORTH METRO

MARIETTA, GA

North Metro Church retained CDH to provide Master Planning services for their existing campus. Upon completion, phase 1 refreshed the campus with new finishes and some renovations of spaces.

New finishes were provided in the worship center, lobbies, campus corridors, and meeting rooms. About 4,000 SF of space was renovated and old offices were converted into open workspaces and meeting rooms. This space is utilized by the staff during the week as an open office environment with glass partitioned meeting rooms and abundant landing space for work areas.

New furnishings were selected and specified by CDH Interiors and include integration of technology for power and charging stations. An outdoor Pavilion was added and provides outdoor gathering space for functions including space for large big screen monitors.

Large glass overhead garage doors connect this space to the café for the moderate temperature months and for ease of movement. A fireplace and grill add to the benefits of this space for year-round use.



"As a church, our goal was to take up as little space for our offices as possible, but we were in a tough spot. As our staff grew we needed more office space, but the reason our staff was growing was because our church was growing and needed more ministry space. So our vision was to create more community space and do away with traditional offices that were so inefficient. CDH helped us design a space that could be used as communal office space, with plenty of rooms for meeting and the space could easily double as ministry space on the nights and weekends."

-John Maggard, Executive Pastor, North Metro Church





COBB ELECTRIC MEMBERSHIP CORPORATION BUILDING 1000 EXPANSION AND RENOVATION

MARIETTA, GA

This project was conceived to support corporate operations of one of the largest EMCs in Georgia. Cobb Electric Membership Corporation serves more than 180,000 residential and commercial members. Enhancements to their headquarters included the extensive renovation of 60,000 SF, the addition of 10,000 square feet of new office space, and significant site related improvements.

One of the primary objectives of the project was to improve the efficiency of operations by incorporating departments located in outlying buildings into a single building. CDH Partners created a unique design solution to reconfigure the spatial floor plates in a manner that would provide efficiency of space utilization, foster communication among the staff, and expose as many workstations as possible to natural daylight. The site improvements focused on reducing energy consumption. CDH designed a major replacement of mechanical and electrical systems, including the conversion to all LED light fixtures.

CDH worked collaboratively with Cobb EMC to determine the most important aspects of the design initiative. Together, they planned for the comfort of staff, visitors, and the community, including complete handicap accessibility. The space has amenities for employees such as dedicated training rooms, private respite space, exercise center with locker rooms, large staff breakroom, and access to a roof deck with seating and dining. To keep the open work areas productive, CDH added sound masking wall treatments. An especially versatile space is the large community room with dietary facility. It can accommodate as many as 300 in a table seated banquet arrangement and over 475 for staff and member meetings, and it is also utilized extensively as meeting space for schools, public groups and other organizations.





CDH PARTNERS, INC.

ATLANTA, GA

When we decided to relocate our office we made every effort to provide our architects and designers with a space that affords great flexibility, and encourages collaboration and creativity.

The heart of the office deemed the flex space serves as a "design center" that evokes creativity and passion for design. This space encourage chance interactions to occur and promotes community and collaboration.

The workspace allows for working in a variety of comfortable settings including a soft seating area like a living room and gathering space like the "kitchen table." The open office environment works well for communication and connection while the small room for meditation or private conversations gives us the ability to have those quiet moments needed during certain tasks.

The few needed private offices and large conference room are situated near the core of the building. The walls are of frosted glass to allow the natural light to penetrate through the open space into the meeting area and private areas.

Being in a LEED certified building fits with our goals of sustainability and well being of our team. Surrounded by glass and nestled in the tree tops the space allows superb natural light and a connection to nature that is yet another factor that encourages innovation.



We recently had the pleasure of partnering with CDH Partners with the interior buildout of their office space. Throughout the preconstruction and construction processes, their team created a partnership which helped us meet deadlines in order to keep to their scheduled move in date goal. CDH established a level of partnership from the beginning with open lines of communication as we worked to align with their budget.

- Emily Molski - Construction Project Manager





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