

AIA BALTIMORE HONORS DESIGN COLLECTIVE WITH FOUR AWARDS

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Baltimore, Md. – AIA Baltimore presented Design Collective with four awards at the Design Awards ceremony held on October 19 at the award-winning Stewart’s Building. Both the Crescent at Fells Point, Baltimore, Md., and Art Academy of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio, won Honor Awards. Catholic Relief Services headquarters located in the historic Stewart’s Building and Charles Commons at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Md., were given Honorable Mentions.

Catholic Relief Services Headquarters, designed for LEED Silver certification, was given an honorable mention from the Baltimore AIA. CRS is headquartered in The Stewart’s Building, which was previously renovated by Design Collective. The new 125,000 SF office headquarter features an atrium, meeting rooms, quiet rooms, training rooms, an exhibit gallery, central fileroom, research library, chapel, health facility and a roof-top terrace.

Charles Commons at Johns Hopkins University, which also received an Honorable Mention award, is a 300,000 SF mixed-use development that includes 615 beds for upperclassmen, a state-of-the-art 300-seat dining and conference facility, and a 25,000 SF University bookstore.

The Crescent at Fells Point, given an Honor Award, offers “true loft” apartments with 10’ ceilings, oversized windows, exposed concrete structure and spiral ductwork, and stained concrete floors. It is an eight-story, high-end loft apartment building composed of 252 rental units and 10 four-level waterfront townhomes. Building amenities include a demonstration kitchen for cooking classes, a 24-person movie theater, wine cellar, internet/coffee bar, a fitness/aerobics center, pool, and access to 52 boat slips.

The Art Academy of Cincinnati was designed to meet LEED Certification requirements and included the adaptive use of two historic properties. AIA Baltimore awarded this project an Honor Award. The program includes the academic and administrative functions that support the Art Academy, as well as an enhanced student life area and instructional areas for painting, drawing, sculpture, and three-dimensional studies.

About Design Collective, Inc.:

Design Collective is an award-winning multi-disciplinary design firm headquartered in Baltimore, Maryland, with a branch office in Durham, North Carolina. Founded in 1978, the firm provides innovative solutions nationally and internationally in architecture, planning, landscape architecture, and interior architecture. For additional information, please visit www.designcollective.com.