

The Samarkand Administration Building SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA
 Kilburn Architects, LLC SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

**PROJECT CATEGORY:** Remodel/Renovation

CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR: Paul Peterson, Executive Director

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TOTAL AREA (SQ. FT.): 328 (new); 9,521 (renovation)

TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST (EXCLUDING LAND): Not available

CONSTRUCTION COST/SQ. FT.: Not available

COMPLETION: January 2009

This project consisted of the complete architectural interior remodel of the existing Administration Building at the Samarkand Retirement Community, a faith-based CCRC owned by Covenant Retirement Communities, located in Santa Barbara, California. The scope of the work included a small storage room addition off the main resident gathering space, a new conference room, reconfigured office spaces, an expanded and enhanced lobby, a new entry staircase, and completely new interior finishes and fixtures. The renovation was based on the historic Mission-style architecture that is heavily emphasized within the local building guidelines and to tie the exterior design with the interior design.

The existing exterior consists of a traditional Santa Barbara white stucco façade, black steel windows, and a

red tile roof. Dark stained heavy timbers define the vaulted ceiling in the expansive double-height entry. A dark stained curving grand staircase with a decorative wrought iron railing leads to the main reception and completes the entry sequence. The main reception area is defined by a large reception desk that includes art niches for local handcrafted art objects. New tile floors have decorative and intricate border detailing. The office redesign allowed for a more efficient and dedicated staff workroom, as well as the addition of four new offices on the lower level. An interior color palette of soft earth colors, warm browns, and stained wood trim provide a comfortable, rich ambience that encourages a positive and relaxing atmosphere for resident and staff interaction.

The Samarkand LifeCenter SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

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**PROJECT CATEGORY:** Unbuilt/Conceptual Design Only**CHIEF ADMINISTRATOR:** Paul Peterson, Executive Director**FIRM:** Kilburn Architects, LLC, (206) 682-5211**DESIGN TEAM:** H. Todd Kilburn, AIA, Principal-in-Charge; Lauren Rudeck, Project Designer (Kilburn Architects, LLC); Bob Cunningham and Martha Degasis, Landscape Architects (Arcadia Studio); Robert Schmidt, Civil Engineer (Penfield & Smith); Robb Dibble, Structural Engineer (Dibble Engineers); Jeff J. Lundeen, Project Development (Covenant Solutions)**ILLUSTRATIONS:** ©2011 Kilburn Architects, LLC**TOTAL AREA (SQ. FT.):** 9,455**TOTAL CONSTRUCTION COST (EXCLUDING LAND):** Not available**CONSTRUCTION COST/SQ. FT.:** Not available

Located in Santa Barbara, California, The Samarkand Continuing Care Retirement Community Campus is in the design phase of a new community wellness building: the LifeCenter.

Designed in the historic Mission style prevalent in Santa Barbara, the LifeCenter has thick white stucco plaster walls, a red tile roof, tile niche details, a heavy timber trellis, and wrought iron railings. The upper floor of the LifeCenter contains a fitness area, wellness suite, and café. Off the café is a large deck that has a fireplace and trellised sun screen, and where residents, visitors, and staff can admire the beautiful view of the Santa Barbara mountains. The lower level of the LifeCenter has a multipurpose room for aerobics or large group activities, a computer lab, offices for the resident committee groups, a gallery space to display residents' artwork,

and a resident-run second-hand store called Nu-2-U.

Because the LifeCenter is in Santa Barbara, which has a climate that allows people to enjoy themselves outside year round, it was important that the landscaping and exterior environment be as thoroughly designed as the interior. A plaza on the west façade connects the new café within the LifeCenter to the adjacent dining hall building by using permeable pavers. In order to save a very large existing oak tree, the plaza gently arcs around the tree with curved bench seating to allow residents to admire the natural landscape; this also functions as a retaining wall. Another site feature includes a curved exterior stairway that connects the upper and lower campus. Its thick wall allows for planters to step up the stairway.

