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AIA DESIGN FOR AGING KNOWLEDGE COMMUNITY RELEASES *DESIGN FOR AGING REVIEW 12 (DFAR12) INSIGHTS AND INNOVATIONS*

Biennial Report Authored by Emily Chmielewski of Perkins Eastman Strategies

New York, NY (April 2, 2015) International design and architecture firm Perkins Eastman is pleased to announce the release of American Institute of Architects Design for Aging Knowledge Community's (DFA) *Design for Aging Review 12: Insights and Innovations*. This study summarizes the 12th biennial Design for Aging Review (DFAR) design competition, conducted by the AIA in the summer of 2013, as well as recognizes outstanding work in the senior living design industry. As with previous biennial studies dating back to 2009, *DFAR12 Insights and Innovations* was authored by Emily Chmielewski EDAC, an Associate with the firm's Pittsburgh office who leads the research department of Perkins Eastman Strategies.

Out of 64 submitted projects for the AIA DFAR competition, 34 were recognized by the jury for award or publication, with eleven receiving an award of merit and seven receiving a citation award. A total of four Perkins Eastman projects were singled out by the DFA in 2013: Camphill Ghent, Chatham, NY; Jewish Senior Life: Marian's House, Rochester, NY; Moorings Park, Naples, FL; and Laclede Groves, St. Louis, MO, the first three of which received merit awards. Considering the diversity of project types submitted for consideration, Chmielewski outlined and detailed several common themes in her study based on project descriptions, building components, and goals. Some of the most prominent themes included:

- Ecological sustainability (97% of the projects recognized by the jury)
- Using research in the design process (79%)
- Collaborative designing (76%)
- Household model and person-centered care (50%)
- Connecting to the greater community (29%)

In the study's section detailing certain projects' "Flexibility," another common theme, Chmielewski reports on some of the jury's findings: "Taking the idea of flexibility to a new level, Moorings Park offers Independent Living apartments that 'were designed to be

completely customized by the owner—essentially blank slates to be configured and finished to suit the resident’s lifestyle’ ... Many options abound and residents are able to ‘work backwards from their price point, matching lifestyle and entrance fee with square footage and interior design choices.’”

Ms. Chmielewski will be discussing the study’s findings, relevant design strategies, and numerous projects of note at the [Environments for Aging \(EFA\) Conference](#) in Baltimore, MD, on Sunday, April 19.

The *DFAR12 Insights and Innovations* study is available for download [here](#). The study is included as a chapter in the hardcover “Design for Aging Review 12,” available through the AIA and Amazon.

About Perkins Eastman

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