



D. A. BLODGETT CHILDREN'S HOME

Historic Preservation Tax Credits



Until 2007 the once-magnificent D. A. Blodgett Children's Home had been standing with its grand columns cut off by a large T-shaped addition on the front of the building. The 1908 structure had been donated to the Mary Free Bed Hospital for rehabilitative medicine and polio survivors in 1948, and it served in that capacity until 1976. The building eventually fell into disrepair and was vacated during the 1990s. It sat empty until 2003 when it was purchased by a group that included the Inner City Christian Federation (ICCF), a nonprofit housing developer. The ICCF restored the building by removing the addition and reconstructing the original colonnaded facade. The ICCF raised \$6 million for the rehabilitation and also used Federal Historic Preservation

Tax Credits. It is considered by some to be the most elaborate and accurate recreation of terra cotta in the state.

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| Direct Investment: | \$9,143,403 |
| Indirect Investment: | \$10,423,479 |
| Federal Credit: | \$1,717,549 |
| State Credit: | \$429,387 |
| Economic Impact: | \$19,566,882 |
| Jobs Created: | 222 |

Location: 920 Cherry Street SE, Grand Rapids
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Completed: 2007



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