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**SUMMIT DESIGN + BUILD, LLC.
CELEBRATES THE COMPLETION OF THE NEW
BELFORT HOUSE FOR TEEN LIVING PROGRAMS
IN CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**

Summit Design + Build, LLC recently celebrated the completion of the construction of the new Belfort House for Teen Living Programs with a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house at 3745 S. Indiana in Chicago's historic Bronzeville neighborhood.

Teen Living Programs (TLP) is the only organization in Chicago exclusively dedicated to serving youth who are homeless. This new home is the heart of the TLP community and its programs. It houses an emergency shelter for minors, a transitional living program for older youth, and supportive services such as a health clinic and education, vocation, and recreation specialists. The building is energy efficient, durable, and low maintenance and fosters an environment that helps TLP create hope and opportunity for youth who are homeless.

According to Adam Miller, president of Summit Design + Build, the new 12,000 square foot, 3-story modern structure has significantly increased TLP's total capacity by approximately 20%, from 36 to 42 beds. In addition, the facility features lounge areas, a study area, a computer lab, new dining and kitchen facilities, a new health clinic and larger counseling offices.

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The unique construction of the building – featuring precast concrete wall panels and floor to ceiling glass – is already winning awards, being recently selected by the national Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute as a winner in the category of Best Public/Institutional Buildings in North America. Chicago-based Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture provided architectural services.

The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony featured facility tours and presentations from TLP's Executive Director, Jeri Linas; Mary Ellen Caron, Commissioner of Chicago's Department of Family and Support Services; and Senator Mattie Hunter, 3rd District, State of Illinois Senate.

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Pictured at the TLP Ribbon Cutting Ceremony from left are: *Jim Plunkard, Partner, Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture and TLP Board Member; Jeri Linas, TLP Executive Director; Jeff Harwood, Director of Field Operations, Summit Design + Build; Adam Miller, President, Summit Design + Build; Betty Boog, TLP Director of Operations; Mark Heffron, Senior Project Manager, Summit Design + Build; Tim Holleran, Senior Associate, Hartshorne Plunkard Architecture; and Paul McHugh, President, McHugh Development and TLP Board Member.*