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Multicultural Center at Pine Hills



Oelrich Construction proudly contributes to the Orange County Multicultural Center, a beacon of unity in Pine Hills. This 12,000-square-foot hub, a result of collaboration with Rhodes + Brito, intersects arts, culture, and innovation. The Center, one of eight in the district, is set to host nonprofits, providing vital resources and training for a thriving community.

With meticulous architectural design fostering inclusivity and a captivating mosaic by Legacy Mosaic in the lobby, the Center stands as a powerful symbol, celebrating the rich tapestry of cultures within the community.

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CRAFTING INCLUSIVITY

Pine Hills Welcomes its Multicultural Center

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This project represented a dynamic adaptive re-use initiative, where the team undertook the revitalization of a once-dormant grocery store, turning it into a vibrant and inclusive community center. The project encompassed a comprehensive overhaul of the building's interior, breathing new life into its spaces with innovative design concepts. Furthermore, the front exterior entrance underwent a complete reconstruction and redesign, while preserving the original exterior shell. This undertaking stands as a testament to the team's commitment to not only renovating spaces but also revitalizing community connections through thoughtful design and preservation.



Oelrich Construction takes great pride in contributing to a project with a noble objective: fostering unity among diverse cultures within the Pine Hills Community. This community is characterized by a rich tapestry of individuals from varied backgrounds who will be inspired to come together, celebrating, and embracing their distinct cultures while collectively shaping brighter futures.

In response to the demand for a vibrant hub fostering the intersection of arts, culture, and innovation, Rhodes + Brito envisioned and brought to life the Orange County Multicultural Center, spanning an impressive 12,000 square feet. The construction was expertly executed by Oelrich Construction, in collaboration with various distinguished members of Central Florida's community including engineering design by Atkins, Advanced Structural Design, and SGM Engineering. The architectural vision behind the Orange County Multicultural Center was driven by a profound purpose: to create a space dedicated to job training, senior and youth programming, utility assistance, and a rich array of educational experiences. Deliberately crafted with meticulous attention, the design of the building seeks to evoke an atmosphere of warmth and acceptance for all, reflecting the Center's commitment to inclusivity and community well-being.

The construction of the Center spanned a period of 17 months, launching on February 8, 2022, and achieving substantial completion on July 3, 2023. This community center contains a diverse array of features, including a welcoming lobby, an expansive art exhibition area, a cozy café, an elegant ballroom, versatile classrooms, cutting-edge computer labs, and versatile meeting and event spaces, all complemented by functional offices.

Notably, the lobby stands out as a centerpiece, adorned with a captivating mosaic statement feature skillfully crafted by Legacy Mosaic. This impressive 180-square-foot, three-piece mosaic serves as a powerful symbol of unity. The artwork itself becomes a celebration of the rich tapestry of cultures within the community, spanning both present and past, adding a touch of vibrancy and historical resonance to the Orange County Multicultural Center.

For the past seven years, Oelrich Construction has been a dedicated contributor to the growth and development of Central Florida. The privilege of undertaking a project of this magnitude is deeply cherished by our team. We take pride in constructing not just buildings but opportunities to enhance the fabric of Orange County, striving to create a welcoming and celebratory space that resonates with community members. Our commitment extends beyond construction; it is a commitment to making a lasting impact and fostering a sense of belonging that transforms Orange County into a better place for all. ■

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