



St. Vincent's Day Home

CHILD CARE / RENOVATION / EXPANSION

Saint Vincent's Day Home was established in 1911 to serve the children of West Oakland by providing high quality child care and child development services to parents in the greatest need. Operating continuously since then, the Day Home needed to expand to meet the rising demand for child care. With the expansion designed by Pyatok Architects, the Day Home can now serve 240 preschool and school-aged children daily.

The expansion consists of four new classrooms for children in a new two-story building, and a new Family Literacy and Computer Center to serve the children's families. The latter facility will provide computer and language training to improve parents' skills, enabling them to advance in their jobs.

The Day Home originally occupied an elaborate 1888's three-story mansion, now the centerpiece of a large complex which maintained the essential characteristics of the original building. Pyatok Architects' additions were designed in this tradition, continuing the home-like feeling of the existing complex, matching materials and colors to provide a design which fits comfortably and elegantly between buildings from different eras. Finishes were selected to create a visually seamless design, while maintaining the high degree of durability required for a child care center.

Pyatok Architects brought the existing buildings up to date, providing accessibility to the physically-challenged by adding an elevator, ramps, and accessible restrooms, enlarging the administrative offices and making them more functional, and updating the building infrastructure. Throughout, we worked closely with the City of Oakland Building and Fire Departments to solve the difficult problems of modernizing old buildings and making them as safe and as functional as possible for the children, parents and staff.

PROJECT DATA

Owner/Client	Saint Vincent's Day Home
Project Location	Oakland, CA
Project Type	Expansion & Rehabilitation of Day Care Center
Expansion	Classrooms, Computer Rooms Accessibility, Restrooms
Date of Completion	2001
Total Project Area	5,245 s.f expansion & extensive rehabilitation

