

Heart of Iowa/ASAC Renovation

Location: Bowling Street SW
Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Completed: Summer 2011

Developer: ASAC



Before



After

The Area Substance Abuse Council (ASAC) Heart of Iowa building added a new elevator to their facility in order to provide wheelchair access to the upper floors. The building, which is a counseling and child care facility with three different levels, has previously been used as both a bar and a restaurant and has undergone numerous additions and renovations. ASAC felt that adding an elevator would greatly improve their ability to provide services to their clients.



For this project, Brost Architects & Planners worked with DCL Consultants, West Plains Engineering and Schulte Development to provide a new electric elevator. The elevator required two sided access in order to serve the three floors of the facility that were arranged in a split level configuration, as well a compact size to preserve existing wall murals. Fortunately, we were able to utilize a remote closet option, which allowed the equipment from the machine room to be relocated into a much smaller closet in an unobtrusive location.



A portion of the existing building also had a low slope roof, which had drainage issues. We were able to retain the existing building and add a sloped roof on top of it. This not only improved drainage, but it is also blended the various additions into a more cohesive and harmonious building.