

Compass Rose Academy

A place to heal…A place to grow

Submission Category: New Construction (project cost more than $5 million)
Project Type: Multiuse building and resident housing
Project Address: 5233 S. 50 E., Wabash, IN 46992
Date of Substantial Completion: August 2021

INTRODUCTION

Compass Rose Academy is an asset to the community, serving as a resource for families in search of support for their teen girls, ages 14-18. The program is paving the way to healing for numerous families in crisis each year, challenging participants to live lives of character, stability, and service.

Located in a serene, rural Indiana, the location provides space for teens to reflect and focus on the therapeutic process. Thoughtful considerations were made in the design of Compass Rose Academy to provide an environment that feels like a home away from home. Campus life provides opportunities for character building and continued learning, while tapping into a student's interests and potential.

- ***Personal Sense of Security*****:** *Special consideration was given to spacing the buildings within the field, allowing for social recognition to provide a sense of community.*
- ***Spaces to Gather*****:** *"The Hub," the anchor building on the campus, provides centralized care and schooling for the teens. The building includes class, meeting, group therapy, and art therapy rooms. In addition, a fitness center and nurse station promote overall health and wellness and provide on-site care for residents. A large multipurpose space provides room for group and family gatherings.*
- ***Peaceful Aesthetics:*** *Throughout the site, the eight building additions have a modern farmhouse aesthetic that is nestled into native Indiana prairie grasses, meshing with the rural landscape.*



CENTRAL LOBBY CONCEPT



RESIDENT COTTAGE CONCEPT



CENTRAL HUB EXTERIOR CONCEPT

CAMPUS OVERVIEW

SITE PLAN



SITE ORGANIZATION

The campus was planned around a central commons, positioning the school (“hub”) as the public face along the east edge. The households were designed to support eight girls each, prioritizing them to experience their time on campus as a collective group – growing and learning together.

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THE HUB

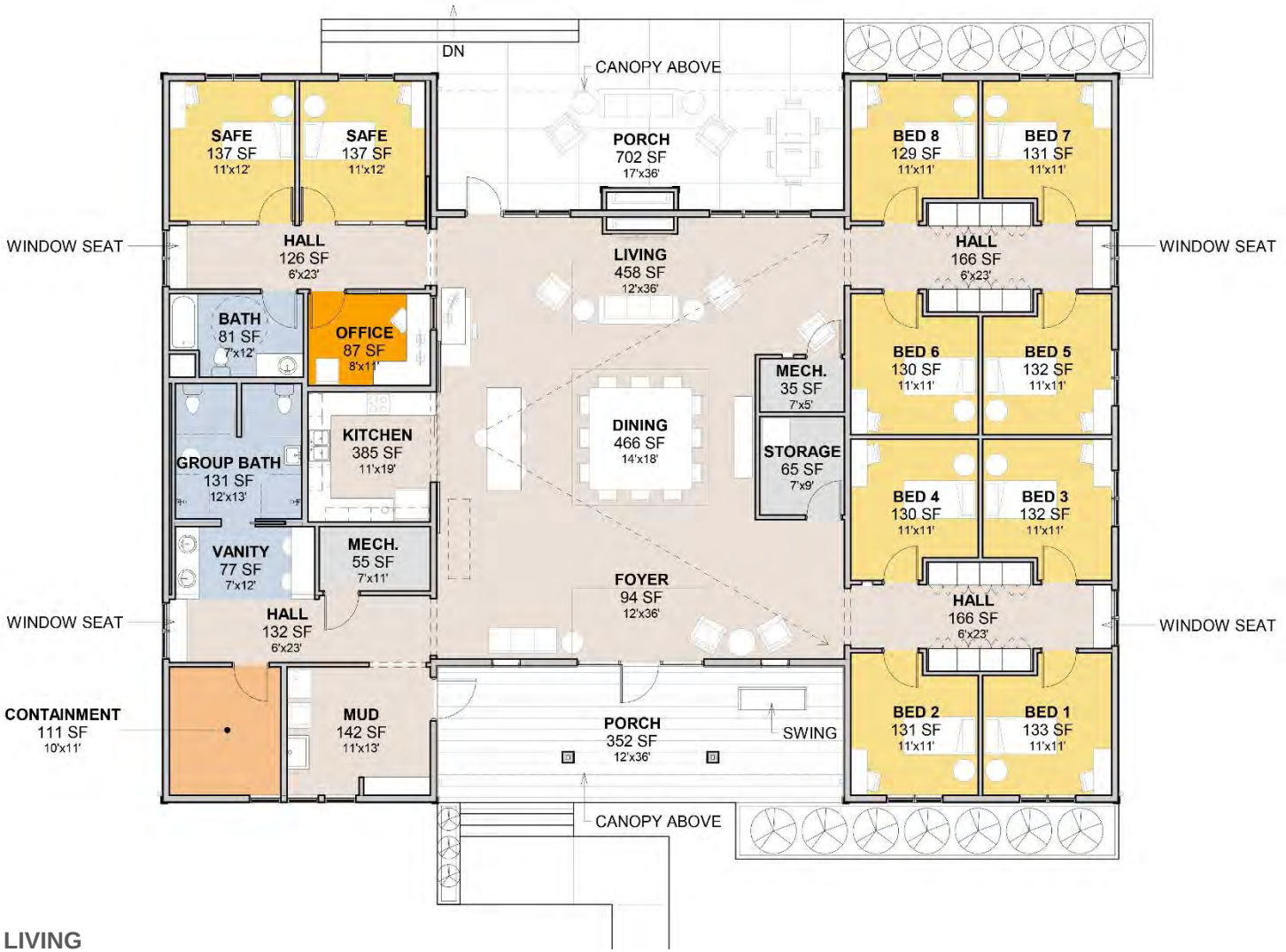


CIVIC PLATFORM

The hub provided two essential functions. Located on either end of a central lobby, the school was positioned on the south end of the building and consisted of a series of classroom and gathering spaces. Along the north hall, the clinic houses a series of individual and group counseling areas.

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HOUSEHOLD

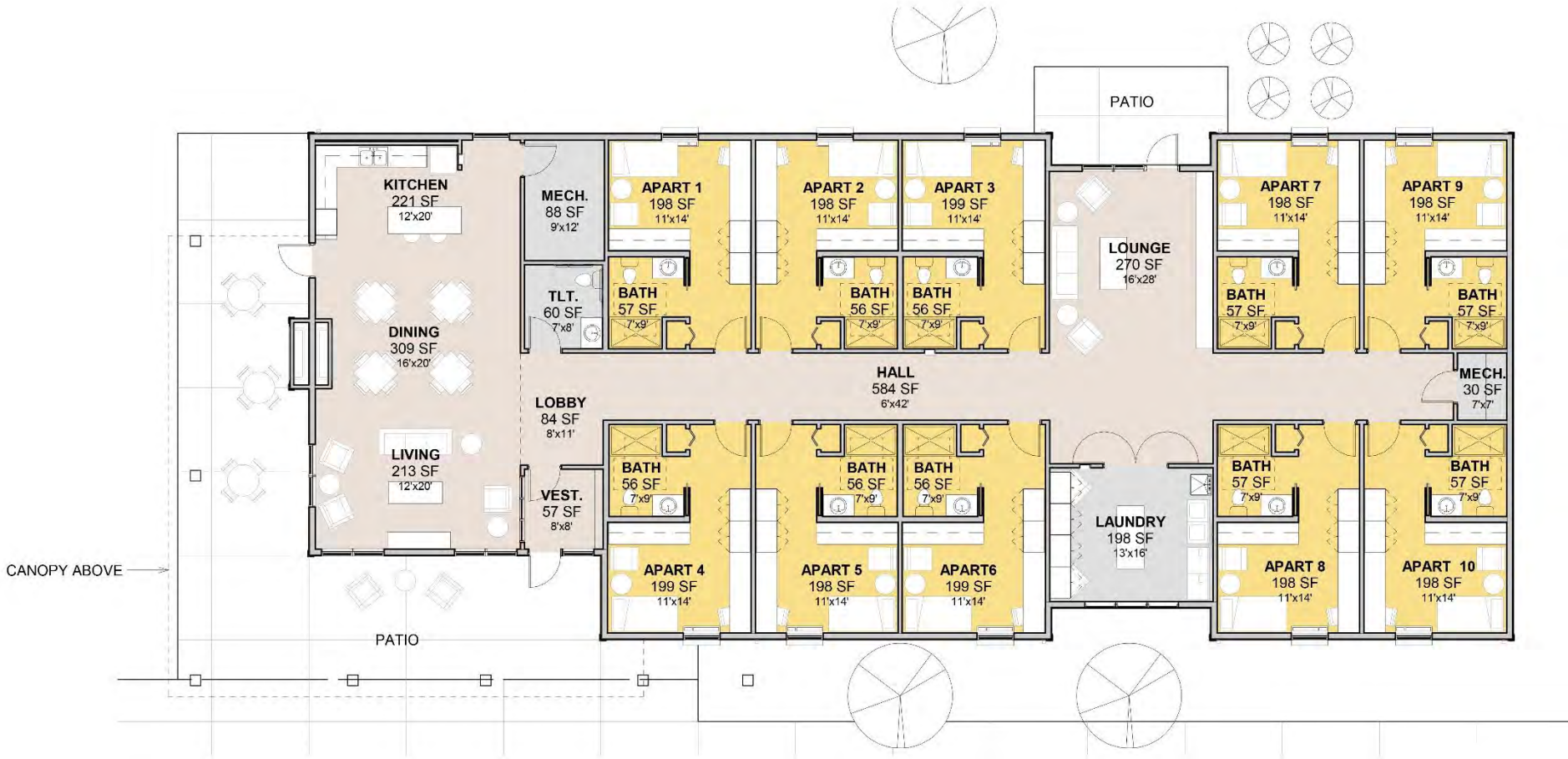


SUPPORTIVE LIVING

Each household provided a central living and dining area centered along a porch and double-sided fireplace. On one end of the home is a series of private bedrooms while on the other side is the needed support spaces and staff areas. During non-meal times, the kitchen island serves as a staff desk with visual access to all public spaces.

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FACULTY APARTMENTS



Faculty are provided housing on campus with private studio apartments with shared living and dining areas.

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CAMPUS OVERVIEW



RURAL CHARM

Compass Rose Academy sits on 800 acres of land, of which 100 acres are currently in use. All are owned and maintained by Josiah White's. The grounds include a softball field, ponds, woods and farmland. The site plan provides a sense of privacy with opportunities for social engagement among the students and staff.

THE HUB



WARM WELCOME
The modern farmhouse design of the structures compliment the surrounding rural landscape. All parts of the campus are connected by a series of pathways.

THE HUB





SUSTAINABLE AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN STATEMENT

The overarching theme of therapeutic environments was incorporated not only in the buildings themselves, but also in the surrounding landscape. Natural light is used in all spaces for the comfort it provides and adds an energy efficient component.

Placement of the buildings was intentional for the purpose of providing natural drainage. To replace the original cornfield and transform the land, restorative native prairie grasses were planted to reduce soil erosion and flooding as well as protecting water quality.





THE HUB



PLACE TO GATHER

The hub is a place for small or large gatherings, schooling, and therapy services. Additionally, recreational spaces such as a gym, open-air patios, and student library are available to all residents.

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A multifunctional activity room provides a flexible area for programming, dining, and special events. This space walks out to a patio facing a tranquil pond.

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HOME AWAY FROM HOME

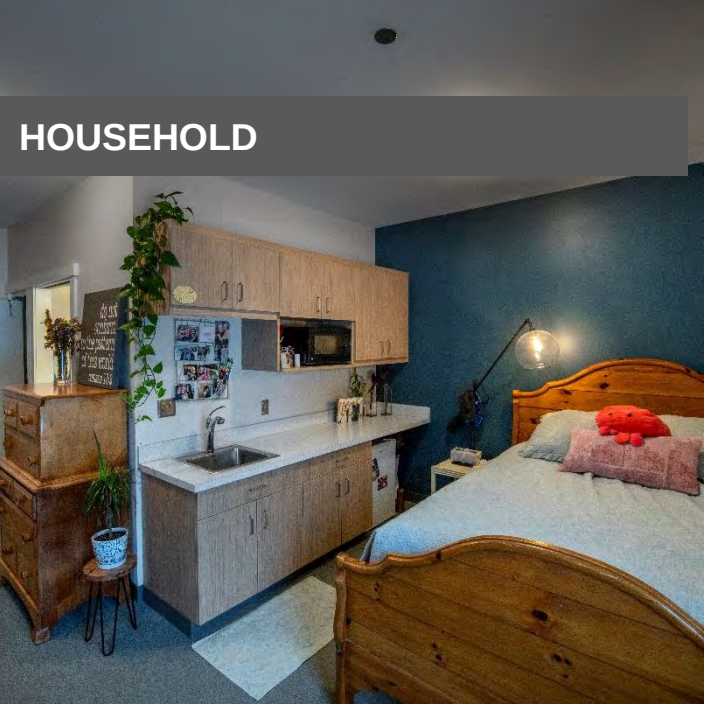
Each resident cottage has 8-10 bedrooms surrounding a common living room, kitchen, and dining area. A new staff housing building includes 1-bedroom apartments with kitchenettes, common gathering spaces, and on-site laundry.

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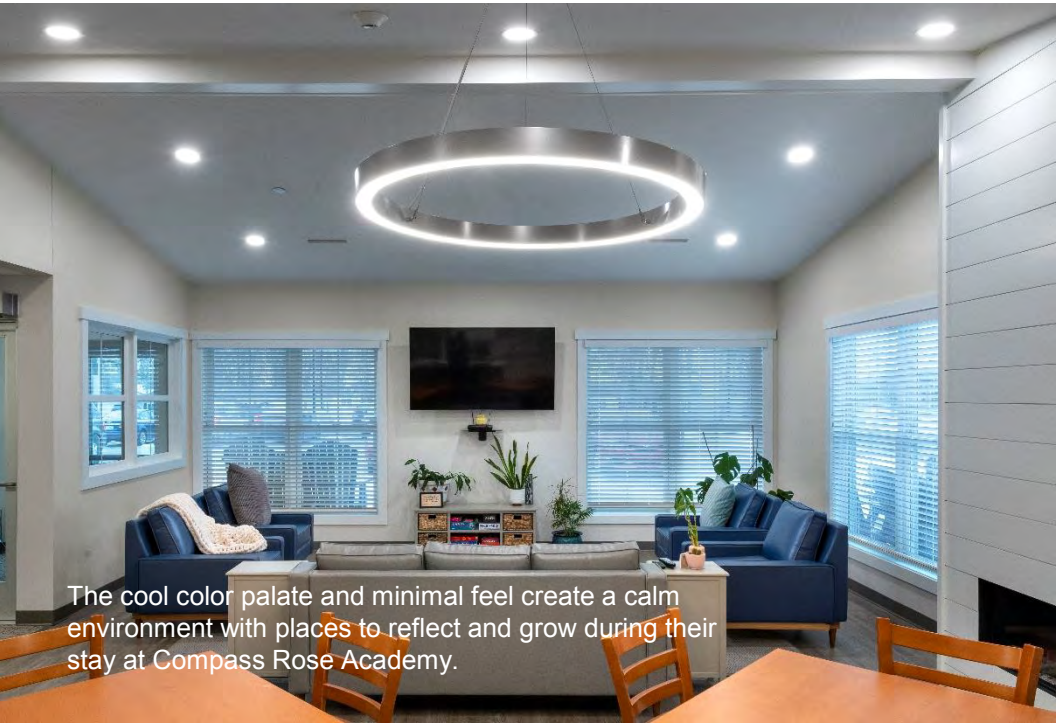


The common living room, kitchen, and dining area allow space for residents to gather and relax.

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The cool color palate and minimal feel create a calm environment with places to reflect and grow during their stay at Compass Rose Academy.

