

Improvement Contract To Local Charity Organization Awarded To Southside Constructors, Inc. In Public Bid



General Contractor selected to complete renovations and addition of the West Gastonia Chapter of the Boys and Girls Club



The West Gastonia Boys & Girls Club as it stood in its original state (above) pales in comparison to the newly renovated facility (front elevation, bottom right). And, with the addition of a regulation-size basketball court located in the center of the gymnasium / auditorium (top right), the new facility is more than twice the original size.



In January 2002, General Contractor *Southside Constructors, Inc.* was awarded the West Gastonia Boys and Girls Club project after prevailing in the bid selection process by offering the most economical proposal to complete proposed renovations and additions to the existing facility designed by local architect *Stewart-Cooper-Newell Architects (SCNA)*. SCNA and Southside set an aggressive seven month schedule for the completion of all portions of work so as to keep disruption of the organization's daily activities to a minimum. To meet this aggressive schedule, Southside relied heavily on its in-house team of masons, which in turn, averaged the placement of 1,700 block per day for the entirely brick and block building. Exterior improvements included installation of diversion ditches as supervised by the Army Core of Engineers, installation of new storm water retention mechanisms, and expansion of the parking lot. New playground equipment was also installed at two separate locations, and improvements were made to the existing ball fields located to the rear of the facility.

Owner:
West Gastonia
Boys & Girls Club

Services Provided:
General Construction
Masonry

Completion Date:
2002

Area:
22,000 SF

Construction Cost:
\$2.2 Million

Interior renovations and additions included:

- Demolition of all interior components
- Restoration of hardwood floors dating from 1965
- Addition of a 12,000 SF gymnasium/ auditorium complete with basketball goals, bleachers, audio-visual equipment, and stage
- Completely updated kitchen and dining areas
- New classrooms and other educational facilities
- New restroom facilities with floor and wall-to-wall ceramic tile
- Extensive casework additions
- A two-story elevator

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