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At Dyllan Construction, we believe that innovation and intelligence take form when you put on your thinking shoes and take a walk around your community. Things are changing as companies try to adjust to the economy, and that means revising business plans and assessing strategies for long-term success, all-the-while making sound day-to-day decisions.

So what puts Dyllan Construction among your list of smart companies in Kansas City? Maybe it’s the fact that we’re willing to walk a mile in your shoes so we understand your needs personally. That’s just what Dyllan Construction did when we took a walk and saw an opportunity to assist Hillcrest Transitional Housing. The team laced up and hit the ground running.

The birth of this harmonious project began when 2009 Northland Leadership Class member and owner/operator of Dyllan Construction, Meredyth Melcher, and her class selected Hillcrest Transitional Housing as their community project. Shortly thereafter, Melcher joined the Hillcrest board of directors.

“After I became a member of their board, I found a home for

myself both on a professional and a personal level,” says Melcher. “I realized that not only could I personally have an impact, but as a contractor, Dyllan Construction was a perfect fit for Hillcrest Transitional Housing and could contribute in many different ways.”

A Case Study: Transitional Support

Hillcrest provides a transitional housing program that helps homeless families become self-supportive, self-reliant contributors to society. With a 95 percent success rate in transitioning graduate families to self-sufficiency, Hillcrest provides exceptional service to those in need within their community—thanks to the compassionate help of businesses around them. They continue to provide housing, life-skills counseling and an array of other services for their residents, but when it comes to helping themselves, Hillcrest found themselves just shy of the finish line.

With a firm belief in helping our community, Dyllan Construction stepped in with a team of professionals ready to pay it forward to a company that gives so much to others. When Hillcrest found itself unable to complete the daunting

list of projects that seemed to grow ever longer, Dyllan Construction provided 100 percent of the materials and labor to help Hillcrest with interior repairs and reconstruction of the existing decks and stairways in the newly acquired Platte County building.

In return, Dyllan Construction qualified for a Missouri tax credit as a donor.

Smart Business Also Means Helping Others

These tax credits are issued by the State of Missouri Housing Development Commission—Affordable Housing Assistance Program (AHAP). The tax credits were created to assist endangered communities and their residents to improve their quality of life. Donors can redirect their Missouri tax dollars to local projects: Dyllan Construction’s donations of labor, materials and supplies all qualified.

“The tax credit not only maximized the amount we were able to give, it assisted Hillcrest in building and sustaining the community around us,” says Melcher. “Companies are wearing the tread pretty thin these days, so whatever we can do to help each other succeed is just good business sense.”

Keep Innovating

The Dyllan Construction team took the project one step further and worked on the Kansas location, repairing existing structures and resurfacing four decks with a colored, stamped concrete. Now, discussions are under way to expand the project to the Eastern Jackson County facility, qualifying Dyllan Construction for yet another tax credit.

Hillcrest was in a position of not being able to help themselves. With the know-how and expertise of smart business leaders, Dyllan Construction not only shared with its own community, but garnered tax credits by becoming an “eligible donor.”

While Hillcrest makes it possible for the residents to get back on their feet, Dyllan knows that it’s a little easier with a good pair of shoes. Dyllan Construction specializes in providing a total construction solution, from concept to completion, while putting innovation and intelligence to work, one step at a time.