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DBF-Designed MAC Center Addition Recently Completed

Representatives from the firm of Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc. (DBF), recently attended the November dedication ceremony for MAC Inc., the Area Agency on Aging's new addition to their Salisbury, Maryland location. The approximately 4,500 square foot expansion, named The Perdue Family Living Well Education Center, has been specifically designed to facilitate the continuing education goals of the Center for the area's senior population.

Since 1972, Maintaining Active Citizens (MAC), Inc. has established itself as the designated resource center for senior and disabled adult populations in Wicomico, Dorchester, Somerset and Worcester counties. MAC serves the local community through Meals-on-Wheels, long-term care information, a Wellness Center, assisted living subsidy guidance for seniors, Alzheimer and dementia literacy for both clients and caregivers, and many other services and programs. Recently, however, the organization began to see an additional need for opportunities which would support the continued intellectual growth of aging adults within the community.

To facilitate meeting those needs, DBF designed the bulk of MAC's new addition to be a space dedicated to both continued learning and the exploration of topics and issues of interest to the MAC population. The addition's three classrooms were designed with flexibility in mind. While each classroom can accommodate up to 30 occupants in lecture format, the rooms also contain moveable partitions which can be adjusted to permit an overall capacity of up to 120 occupants. Each classroom is equipped with the latest in audio-visual technology, and one features a mobile kitchen for food prep instruction. In addition to the classrooms, the Education Center also contains spaces for two offices, storage, restrooms, and a pantry.



The Perdue Family Living Well Education Center was designed to be aesthetically harmonious with the existing MAC building, yet retain the ability to function independently after hours when necessary. The project was constructed by Harper and Sons, Inc. of Easton, Maryland.

"Working with the staff at the MAC Center has been such a rewarding experience, not just within the context of our design efforts for this project, but in seeing the incredible work that is put in for the citizens it serves. For those that may not be familiar with the offerings of the facility, it has to be considered one of our area's finest resources," stated DBF principal Michael Wigley, AIA.

Davis, Bowen & Friedel, Inc., is a full-service architectural, engineering, and surveying firm, with offices in Salisbury and Easton, Maryland, and Milford, Delaware. Additional information can be found online at www.dbfinc.com.

