

# Kahn update

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PROJECT PROFILE:

## DETROIT MEDICAL CENTER Healing Garden

When the Detroit Medical Center's Children's Hospital of Michigan began its journey to create a unique setting that offers patients, families and staff a respite from the challenges of a hospital environment, they turned to Kahn. Transformed from a large open lawn area, the healing garden encourages discovery and reflection through a playful series of flexible spaces and provides visitors peace and tranquility to rejuvenate their minds and spirits. With a generous lead gift from Garden Fresh Salsa and the support of hundreds of employees, donors and friends of the Children's Hospital of Michigan, the garden was 100% philanthropically funded. This

support has enabled the garden to become an integral component of healing, adding to the hospital's reputation as an international leader in pediatric medicine.

When approaching the garden, visitors are welcomed by a sixteen foot tall yellow ribbon archway in the shape of a wishbone designed by Mike Griffin from Garden Fresh, symbolizing a place where children and their families can come to share their wishes. A winding blue discovery path playfully leads children throughout the garden, allowing their minds to be lost in play. A reading nook at the south end of the garden features a circular donor wall

with seating for children, utilized during storytelling and other activities. A unique and colorful element of the garden is the donor wall which displays handprints of patients and supporters on colorful Pewabic tiles, encapsulating the many personal stories that make up the history of the hospital.

The 22,000 sq. ft. garden also boasts large shade trees that provide a sense of enclosure and separation from the hospital, while selected plant materials were carefully specified to engage the senses of sight, texture and smell. A sound system allowing music to infiltrate the garden, wooden benches that double as musical xylophones,

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Stephen Q. Whitney  
Chairman & CEO  
The Albert Kahn Family of Companies

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**CHAIRMAN THE FUTURE AWAITS**

I suspect that as you enjoyed reading through our last issue of Kahn Update, many of you were unaware of a subtle change revealed at the close of my message – a change in my title. That’s okay because at Kahn we don’t use the title of ‘Chairman’ very often and when we do it’s not for an extended period of time.

Let me explain – we only use this title during a leadership transition period, which began in April with the election of Chuck Robinson as Kahn’s ninth President.

My current role as Chairman and Chief Executive Officer will end next April at the 2010 Annual Stockholders’ Meeting, when I will not be seeking re-election to the Board of Directors. However, it is my intention to stay with the company for a period of time in another capacity.

Chuck and I have worked closely together for many years, from working on projects to serving on the Board of Directors. Chuck has served as Executive Vice President for the last five years and as the new President is well prepared to continue taking Kahn where it needs to go!



## Cancer Center

**Client:** Karmanos/Crittenton  
**Location:** Rochester Hills, MI  
**Area:** 30,600 sq. ft.  
**Overall Project Budget:** \$15 million  
**Target Completion:** December 2009

As a leader in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer, the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer Center formed a partnership with Crittenton Hospital Medical Center to create a cutting edge, community-based outpatient cancer center. Opening in February 2010, the facility, designed to offer convenient cancer care close to where patients live, resembles a northern ski lodge, rather than a traditional medical clinic. Glass and stone dominate the façade, creating a soothing atmosphere for outpatients and their families. The center houses chemotherapy and radiation suites, imaging and laboratory services, and staff medical offices, all in a configuration attuned to the needs and comfort of cancer patients.

## PAINT SHOP

**Client:** Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia, Inc.  
**Location:** West Point, GA  
**Area:** 300,000 sq. ft.  
**Overall Project Budget:** \$42 million  
**Completion:** Spring 2009

Kia chose to locate its first U.S. manufacturing plant on a 3,300 acre greenfield site in Georgia. As part of the successful design/build team of TKS, Lathrop and Kahn, our firm is providing A/E services for the plant’s paint shop, which includes a mezzanine, air supply house, waste water treatment facility and other ancillary functions. Along with providing design and construction services, the team is also responsible for the design and installation of the paint process equipment. With production beginning in Fall 2009, the plant is expected to generate over 2,900 jobs and produce approximately 300,000 cars annually.

## Innovation and Progress. **The Perfect Ratio.**

# *A closer look at a few select projects*

**Karmanos/Crittenton  
Cancer Center  
Rochester Hills, Michigan**

## STAMPING PLANT

**Client:** A-Jin Industrial Co., Ltd.  
**Location:** Cusseta, AL  
**Area:** 330,000 sq. ft.  
**Overall Project Budget:** \$89 million  
**Completion:** August 2009

In search of a location close to various North American automobile manufacturing facilities, this Korean-based parts supplier chose a greenfield site in Chambers County, Alabama. As a design/build relationship, Kahn and International Industrial Contracting Corporation are providing complete turn-key services to the owner. Consisting of six press lines, including tandem, transfer, progressive and blanking presses, this stamping plant also contains a large assembly area, shipping and warehousing space, and an administrative area including production offices, meeting space and a large cafeteria.

## HEALTH CENTER

**Client:** Coughatta Casino Resort  
**Location:** Kinder, LA  
**Area:** 6,700 sq. ft.  
**Overall Project Budget:** \$1.8 million  
**Completion:** September 2009

Continuing a successful, on-going working relationship with Take Care Health Employer Solutions, a provider of on-site health care services for corporations across the country, Kahn designed a wellness center and pharmacy within the resort. Replacing an existing facility, the client’s goal was to create a patient-focused environment for casino employees. The facility houses six exam rooms, a pharmacy, procedure room, laboratory and a conference/health care teaching room.

# DETROIT MEDICAL CENTER HEALING GARDEN

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fiberglass dragon statues that decoratively disguise steam grates, and a continuously flowing, hammered steel water fountain also adorn the site. These elements help to soothe patients and families, allowing them to relax and unwind from many hours spent within a hospital.

Designed as a comfortable outdoor retreat for children and their families, the garden also creates opportunities for the hospital's arts program as well as a place to host a variety of hospital events and activities.

The garden, not intended to be a traditional active playground, is designed to be a space for users to read, talk, reflect, and study birds, bugs and cloud formations. It provides a myriad of opportunities for all users and has become an integral component to the hospital's healing environment.

Detroit Medical Center  
Healing Garden  
Detroit, Michigan



## OUR PEOPLE AND THEIR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

*news from the* **Albert Kahn** Family of Companies

### Kahn Elects Robinson as President



Throughout our history, Kahn's growth and success has been predicated on the talents and experiences of our people. Today, we're fortunate and pleased to announce that **Chuck Robinson, PE, LEED® AP**, has been named Kahn's

ninth President, and will assume the role of Chief Executive Officer after Steve Whitney steps down in 2010.

In the company's 114 years, the firm has only employed nine presidents! This demonstrates the strong and lasting leadership that Kahn has enjoyed. Of course, Albert himself led the firm for the first 47 years until his death in December of 1942, and then was followed by:

- Louis Kahn (Albert's brother) – 1942-1945
- George Miehl – 1945-1959
- Sol King – 1959-1975
- Daniel Shahan – 1975-1986
- Edgar Parks – 1986-1993
- Gordon Holness – 1993-2001
- Stephen Whitney – 2001-2010

As President, Chuck's responsibilities include spearheading and monitoring the financial, marketing and business development functions for Kahn. He will also assist with the day-to-day management of business affairs for the company.

"I want to continue the 'people focus' brought to a new level by Steve Whitney and strive for more communication at a personal level," says Chuck. "Kahn's executive leadership team will continue to focus on distinguishing Kahn from others – in efficient operations, marketing results, integration of people with technology, and management effectiveness."

Chuck has spent his entire career at Kahn and has become one of the most renowned figures in our industry. He joined the firm in 1969 and has held numerous technical and administrative positions of increasing responsibility. A life-long student of architectural engineering, and business in general, Chuck has always focused on continuous improvement – whether it be through professional practice or client partnerships. His commitment to Kahn positions the firm well for this next chapter.



*Our leaders may change, but our commitment, value and focus remain.*

### Montague named Chief Strategy Officer

Celebrating 100+ years of excellence in this industry doesn't happen by accident. Such success takes planning, flexibility, enthusiasm and vision, not to mention outstanding employees.

Our Board of Directors and Strategic Board provide the structure and guidance necessary to carry on Kahn's outstanding legacy. We're pleased to announce that **W. Clift Montague, AIA, LEED® AP** has been named Chief Strategy Officer. In partnership with the firm's senior leadership team, he will be responsible for creating, communicating, executing and sustaining Kahn's strategic initiatives.



Since joining Kahn in 1979, Clift has dedicated his career to fostering exceptional client relationships, expanding and developing our core service offerings and geographic presence, implementing efficiencies to improve our practices and building on that success and expertise.

# Healthy Employees, Healthy Bottom Lines

Healthy living is no longer just another abandoned New Year's resolution; people are motivating themselves to make healthy choices year round. That's why it's not surprising that a large number of companies are launching health and wellness programs to support their employees' initiatives.

As health care costs continue to rise at alarming rates, companies and employees alike are looking for alternative ways to manage the cost of health care. Establishing a corporate wellness program can do just that. After all, employees are a company's greatest asset, so why not invest in them?

When your employees are happy and healthy, your business is too! By establishing wellness solutions and programs, not only will you help improve your employees' health and job satisfaction, but absenteeism and stress will be reduced, boosting overall productivity, morale, and employee recruitment and retention.

Kahn has embraced the opportunity to provide its employees with various resources to take more control of their wellbeing. Our healthy living programs have created an organizational culture that fosters inspiration, motivation, synergy and vitality. From health screenings, wellness seminars and flu shots to chair massages, walking groups and weight loss programs, Kahn is investing in the health and wellbeing of its employees. Thanks to these efforts, Kahn has been recognized as a 2009 Gold Level recipient of the American Heart Association's Start! Fit-Friendly Companies program.



To learn more about Kahn's healthy living programs, please contact Katharine Harenski, Human Resources. Email: [katharine.harenski@akahn.com](mailto:katharine.harenski@akahn.com) Phone: 313.202.7609

## just COMPLETED THOMPSON TRACTOR COMBINATION STORE

As a full-line Caterpillar dealer for Alabama, Northwest Florida and parts of Georgia, Thompson Tractor sells, rents and repairs Caterpillar products. With a growth strategy in place and a need to be closer to its customers, the company set its sights on Huntsville, Alabama.

With two prototypes already developed – a tractor/truck repair store and a rental store – Thompson challenged Kahn to design a single facility that offers customers combined services. Situated on a 10-acre site, the \$3.5 million pre-manufactured metal building comfortably blends all of Thompson Tractor's divisions into one facility housing the functions for selling and renting Caterpillar machinery and engines as well as service and parts departments. Challenged with balancing bay spacing requirements for two notably different modules, this facility includes an 11,000 sq. ft. eight-bay truck and rental repair shop; an 8,000 sq. ft. four-bay heavy equipment shop; 7,600 sq. ft. of warehouse space and 11,400 sq. ft. of office and training space. If required, the facility, which was completed in March 2009, can easily be transformed into a total tractor repair shop with only minor modifications.



Thompson Tractor  
Combination Store  
Huntsville, Alabama

"Most architects have this preconceived idea of what they want to do," says Mike Reuter, chief of facilities development for Thompson, "and they won't listen to you and produce what you want. These guys at Kahn are very good listeners. They can take what you say and put it down on paper. And they've had great ideas."

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**HENRY FORD HEALTH SYSTEM**  
Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital  
West Bloomfield, Michigan

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