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To Whom It May Concern;

Mercy Housing Colorado retained the services of Marc Diament, AIA in 1995 to design new program activity areas at its Decatur Place property in Denver.

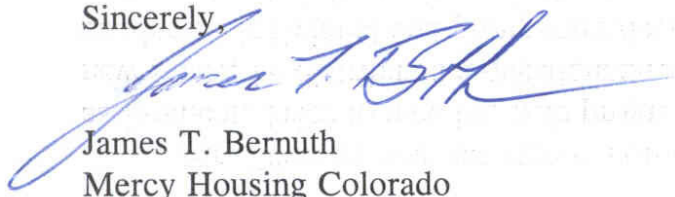
Decatur Place is a 106 unit, family apartment complex, which provides transitional housing and support services to very low income single parent families. Mr. Diament was asked to develop a design to convert 2,000 square feet of unused space on the ground floor of the building into classrooms, a computer training center, and a family recreation/play area. In addition we asked him to re-design the existing office area in the building to make more efficient use of work space for our staff.

Mr. Diament was extremely thorough and professional in approaching this assignment. Prior to meeting with program staff to discuss the intended uses for this new space, he distributed a questionnaire to help them focus their thinking. He conducted individual and group interviews to assess the various needs and was able to synthesize this information quickly into some initial design alternatives that helped staff begin to think creatively about the design issues to be solved. During the whole design development process, Mr. Diament demonstrated a high level of skill in listening to others and asking questions to help them better define and focus our needs.

The final design produced by Mr. Diament for this project was both creative and functional. The staff and the residents are enjoying the new activity areas, and the improvements have greatly enhanced the services we are able to offer our clients.

I recommend Mr. Diament to you without reservation as an outstanding architect and a pleasure to work with.

Sincerely,


James T. Bernuth
Mercy Housing Colorado