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Designing Justice Designing Spaces

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BIG BOLD IDEA

Counter societal inequities evident in the dominant architectural models of courthouses and prisons by engaging communities in the design and development of buildings that integrate restorative justice, economics, education, and reentry housing.

ORGANIZATION OVERVIEW

Designing Justice + Designing Spaces (DJDS) believes that the built environment embodies many of our society's gross inequities. DJDS, therefore, seeks to transform the lives of black men, boys, and their communities of care through innovations in architecture and real estate development. With its nonprofit, government, and community partners, DJDS works to create new prototypes, such as peacemaking centers, mobile classrooms, and housing for foster-age youth. Together, they harness the power of the built environment to create triple-bottom-line equity and support the success and expansion of restorative justice, education, and workforce development programs.

PERSONAL BIO

Kyle Rawlins is co-founder of Designing Justice + Designing Spaces, a nonprofit harnessing the power of design and development to transform people and communities. He is responsible for its real estate development activities. For more than 15 years, Kyle has been active in the analysis, financing, design, construction, and management of real estate in North and South America. His interest in promoting equity within society has often pointed to affordable housing. As Director of Corporate Development for Atlântica Residencial, a portfolio company of Prudential Real Estate Investors, he was part of a management team responsible for the construction of 4,000 affordable residential units in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo, Brazil. Closer to home, Kyle has been a consultant for the New York City Housing Authority (NYCHA) to help create an economic development model to empower unemployed, unbanked, credit-challenged "NYCHApreneurs" to build sustainable, livable-wage-producing businesses. Kyle holds a BS in architecture from the University of Virginia and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

Issue area

Arts and Culture

Organization/Fellow Location

Oakland, United States

Impact Location

North America

United States

Organization Structure

Hybrid

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