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Care Point Health and Wellness Center Hosting Open Door Event

Tallahassee, Fla. – The Care Point Health and Wellness Center will host a free Open Door event on Wednesday, October 31 at 10:00 a.m. The Care Point Health and Wellness Center, designed by BKJ Architecture, was the third-place finalist in the 2018 AIA Florida People’s Choice competition.

Sponsored by the Florida Association of the American Institute of Architects (AIA Florida) and the Florida Foundation for Architecture (FFA), the AIA Florida People’s Choice competition highlights the work of architects who help meet the needs of the community through innovative building design. All nominated buildings must be accessible and open to the public. During the competition, held this past summer, residents in Florida and the world-wide public at large voted online for their favorite buildings. In this year’s fifth annual competition, over one million votes were cast from 67 countries.

“We are excited to welcome the public to Care Point for the AIA Florida’s first Open Door Event of 2018,” said Care Point Board Chair Dan Taylor. “When we envisioned this building, we wanted it to make a statement about providing health care that allows all residents the opportunity to experience the best services possible. That meant recognizing that form follows function, where the shape of the building should follow its intended purpose.”

The Care Point Health and Wellness Center in Tallahassee is a primary care clinic that brings state-of-the-art medicine to an underserved population of the Tallahassee community. It provides

a venue for a full range of services for insured and uninsured patients, including a primary care clinic, basic laboratory testing services, dental services, mental health services and a pharmacy.

“BKJ Architecture was honored to be selected to design a building that has had a major impact on the local community,” said Bonnie Johnson Davenport, AIA, NCARB, CGC, BKJ Architecture president. “The project revitalized a blighted city block by replacing several old structures with a new facility on the South Monroe corridor. It is our hope that this project becomes a catalyst for future development in this area of Tallahassee.”

Every year, buildings that are nominated in the AIA Florida People's Choice Competition are opened to the public to provide Florida residents and visitors alike a chance to see the building from a different perspective. The Open Door Program is a state-wide initiative that invites members of the public into well-known public buildings for behind-the-scenes tours.

The kick-off event will take place at the Care Point Health and Wellness Center on Wednesday, October 31 at 10:00 a.m. in Tallahassee, Fla. Care Point is located at 2200 S. Monroe St., across from the Big Bend Cares office on S. Magnolia Dr. The tour of the primary care facility will explore how the building was designed to provide health services for the community.

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