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“For Portlanders, the Mercy Corps headquarters will be a destination, a source of pride and a model of environmental sustainability. For Mercy Corps, it is the business opportunity of a lifetime.”

— Mercy Corps, *“A Reflection of our Values”*

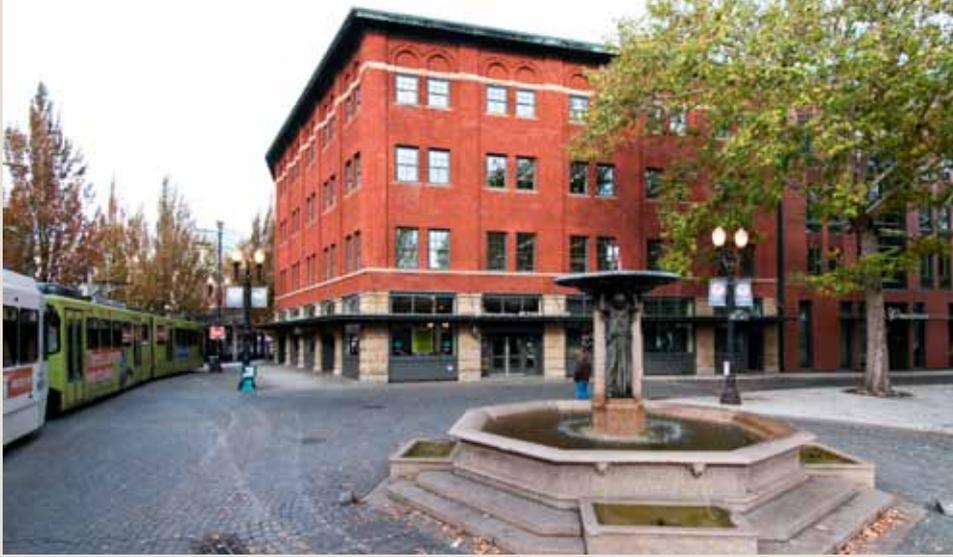
MERCY CORPS HEADQUARTERS

PORTLAND, OREGON

Teeming with life – an apt description for the activity and passion inside Portland-based Mercy Corps, an international relief-and-development agency working in thirty-eight nations across the globe. Supporting that mission became a central goal in creating the non-profit's new headquarters, in part by consolidating its staff and operations into a single office and offering a unique venue for public engagement. From top (green roof, structured for future PV) to bottom (parking lot with pervious pavers), the project highlights sustainability as well, with recycled materials and period-appropriate, energy-efficient windows throughout. Additional design features include a full-building heat pump system, daylighting controls, a roof monitor with motorized openings to induce natural ventilation, a dedicated outside air system with CO₂ sensors, and a switchable glass façade on the south side to shade the atrium and Action Center.

“Because they are there to serve people – and their vision for change is to secure productive and just communities – the Skidmore Fountain Building became the perfect place for Mercy Corps. Highlighting their core philosophy is the Action Center on the first floor, a space where people can be introduced to the organization and even video conference with families in Africa or Southeast Asia who need their support. Every system is at work here: daylighting, natural ventilation, comfort – really, it is the core of Mercy Corps.”

— *Rob Schnare, Glumac*





PROJECT DETAILS

Four-story, 80,000-square foot (1,400-square meter) office building

Completed June 2009

Architect: THA Architecture

Contractor: Walsh Construction Company

Owner / Developer: Mercy Corps International

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