

PROMOTIONAL FEATURE

Downes Construction delivers top services

NEW BRITAIN

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Downes Construction Company, an employee-owned company, continues to deliver professional construction services even amid a pandemic.

"We know many companies,

businesses and their projects have had their ups and downs this year. We've been very fortunate that none of our projects have been delayed," said Nicole DeMaio, marketing director for Downes Construction Company.

The company, in fact, has gone through several milestones this year. One of the major events include becoming an employee-owned company in May.

"The transition to an ESOP benefits both our clients and the Downes employees. Our employees are the heart and soul of Downes Construction. As vested shareholders they will be rewarded as we continue the legacy of Downes. At the same time, our clients will benefit as the ESOP will allow us to retain our dedicated, experienced and talented team members and recruit new talent," said Dave Patrick, president of Downes Construction Company.

Founded in 1934 and located in New Britain, the business is proud of their regional heritage and maintains a vested interest in the surrounding communities. This presence provides current knowledge of codes and regulations, key sub-contractors and market trends



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The Hospital for Special Care

for the region. Some of their services include project feasibility studies and planning, general contracting, financing, construction administration and management, purchasing and cost control, project management and scheduling.

In October, along with the Hospital for Special Care, city officials and community members, the company celebrated the grand opening of the new \$13 million inpatient and partial hospital facility at the Hos-

pital for Special Care.

The new state-of-the-art facility is only one of 11 in the country and will provide service to families and children with autism. The 12-bed inpatient unit will provide single-patient rooms, in a care environment designed by the hospital's clinical staff to meet children's needs, and maximize opportunities for parent education and training. The new Partial Hospital Program will offer the first step-up and step-down level of care, an entirely new option in care to help bridge difficult transitions, divert inpatient stays and maximize continuity in care. In addition to meeting urgent community need for access to autism care, this project has been a regional economic driver throughout the pandemic and creates new employment opportunities.

Downes served as the construction manager at risk for the project. Despite the challenges of the pandemic, the Downes team delivered this project weeks ahead of schedule and under budget, according to the company.

"This is a huge accomplishment for the hospital, for the city and for us," DeMaio said.

"The fact that it's located right here in New Britain is amazing and great for those who need the care."

The company has done about 12 to 15 projects this year, the majority of which are in Connecticut.

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