



Following the success of our 10th anniversary initiative, in which we supported 10 local charities over the course of a year, in 2014 Floura Teeter launched an annual program to support the community where we do business. Each year, our Community Grows Here (CGH) program supports one local non-profit with a year of pro bono services or financial or volunteer support. The support provided to the winning organization is determined by the nature of its request and its most urgent needs.

## 2014 Winner

### Civic Works: Baltimore's Service Corps

Civic Works is Baltimore's urban service corps and an AmeriCorps program. Their mission is to strengthen Baltimore's communities through education, skills development, and community service.

As the first project under the Community Grows Here initiative, Floura Teeter developed a design that helped Civic Works receive a \$50,000 grant as one of seven winners of Baltimore's Growing Green Design Competition: Vacant Lots Transformed.

Working with Civic Works, Floura Teeter completed a design to revitalize the Dayspring Programs Facility parking lot. Floura Teeter designed a safe, green parking lot and pocket park for the facility. The design enhances the space by celebrating an olive branch, a symbol of hope and peace and an embodiment of the Dayspring Programs' mission. Design services and support for the project included organizing workshops for children of the Dayspring Programs who will assist in planting and maintaining the project. Sustainable design objectives included net-zero stormwater runoff through best management practices, reduction of heat island effect through grass grid paver system or reflective paving materials, and increased vegetation.



## 2015 Winner

### The League for People with Disabilities

The League for People with Disabilities (League) serves more than 2,500 people annually through nine therapeutic programs that help individuals with disabilities gain independence, increase self-sufficiency and improve their quality of life.

Floura Teeter's services began with a meeting with League personnel to learn about their campus, clients, services, and mission. After the initial tour and meeting designers performed a site analysis and identified goals for the campus to enhance the building's and site's visibility in the community. Floura Teeter's recommendations included using native grasses and perennials along E. Cold Spring Lane to focus on the existing entrance signage; prominent new signage, a mural, and banners to enhance the building's facade; and a revamped and rejuvenated interior courtyard garden to be used as an additional amenity feature for League participants. The courtyard is currently used by participants for exercise, therapy sessions, soaking up the sun, and socializing. Improvements to the garden will augment these activities and provide a stimulating, year-round sensory experience.





## 2016 Winner

### Board of Child Care



Headquartered in Baltimore, the Board of Child Care provides a variety of services for Maryland, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia fulfilling their purpose of "enriching communities, one family at a time." Their core areas of focus are providing residential services for youth and young adults; outpatient mental health therapy; special education via a private school; and an early learning program. The 26-acre headquarters campus includes both residential services for up to 109 youth, the private school, Strawbridge, as well as the offices for its treatment foster care and adoption services programs.

In coordination with Board of Child Care staff, Floura Teeter provided pro bono design services to re-imagine the patio space located behind the administration building on their Baltimore campus. The patio is used for Strawbridge School graduations, informal staff meetings, and other campus functions but the existing space is disjointed and calls for an improved layout to better serve the youth and staff on campus. Floura Teeter developed two concept designs incorporating shade structures, event spaces, new paving, new seating, new plantings, and flexible event spaces. Recommendations also included proposed connections to other parts of the campus.