



Wald, Ruhnke & Dost Architects Earns Gold Nugget Honors

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– Wald, Ruhnke & Dost Architects has been named an Award of Merit winner for the 2015 Gold Nugget Awards for its design of Interim Inc.'s Rockrose Gardens, an affordable housing project in Marina for individuals struggling with homelessness and psychiatric disabilities.

Wald, Ruhnke & Dost Architects is one of four architectural firms eligible to win the Grand Award for "Best Affordable Housing Community – under 30 units/acre" to be announced on Thursday, June 25 in San Diego.

The 52nd annual competition is one of the largest and most prestigious in the nation honoring architectural design and planning excellence. It drew more than 600 entries from the United States and internationally.

Rockrose Gardens, which opened in late 2014, is home to 20 low income clients and an inspiring place for a new start. "The place is beautiful and safe ... I feel I can start a new life here,"



said Kristen, a Rockrose resident.

Wald, Ruhnke & Dost Architects' team paid careful attention to creating a place of privacy, safety and dignity within a series of two-story buildings clustered around a spacious planted courtyard. Clients' handmade mosaic

tiles are displayed prominently throughout the project and reinforce themes of resilience and hope, along with a sense of belonging and ownership in the LEED Gold certified residence.

About WRD Architects

Wald, Ruhnke & Dost Architects is a full-service

architectural firm with an extensive portfolio of nonprofit, commercial, healthcare, education, public works, residential, and commercial interior design projects. The firm has served California's Central Coast for more than 50 years.