

Neighborhood Health Services wins YES award for restoration

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YAKIMA—Yakima Neighborhood Health Services received a YES award from the Greater Yakima Chamber of Commerce for the addition of the Richey House to its downtown Yakima campus.

The house, built for the Richey family in 1900, was moved to its current location at 12 E. 8th Street and extensively renovated as part of Neighborhood Health Services' expansion project. The new building was placed into service in October of

campus at a cost of \$60,000.

Restored to its original condition, the first floor of the building is an architectural treasure. Featuring the original parquet floors, hardwood paneling, molded plaster ceilings, and a set of pocket doors separating the clinic's meeting room from the offices of its chief executive officer, Anita Monoian.

"The amount of skill and craftsmanship that was put into this house is absolutely amazing," Monoian said.

"Each of the three first-floor rooms has its own motifs on the



RICHEY HOUSE. A century old, the Richey House (center, with high roof) served as a private home office and apartment house before being moved to the YNHS campus on South 8th Street.



NEW CLINICAL SPACE. A new wing was added to the back of the Richey House, which holds exam rooms and a reception area. The second floor of the house holds six more exam rooms.

last year.

One of four buildings on the campus, the Richey house now provides administrative and clinical space. It was originally located on Naches Avenue on Yakima's east side, where it fell into disrepair. Scheduled to be demolished, it was then moved to

ceiling, and its own floor pattern. Not a day goes by that I'm not impressed by the original workers, who not only designed these floors, but cut and assembled hundreds of these hardwood pieces without the use of power tools."

Beautiful as it is, the restora-

tion connects the house to the rest of the campus, holds a second reception area for patients on the first floor and 15 new exam rooms on the second.

Six of these are actually within the house's original second floor, which was beyond restoration.

The roof of the Richey house was also raised four feet, allowing the attic space to be converted into a third-floor loft that serves as a conference space for local community groups.

tax-exempt bonds through US Bank to fund the project.

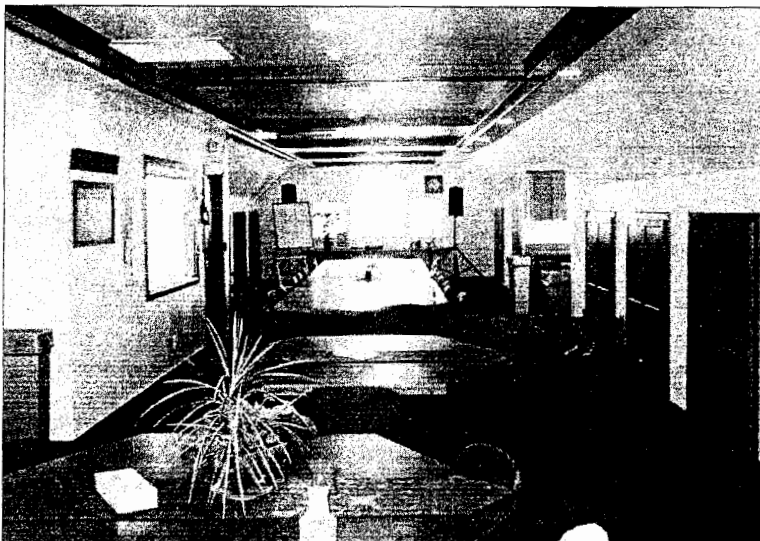
The clinic was founded in 1975 by Dr. Margery Wilson as a non-federally funded community health center, offering preventative care to lower-income citizens of Yakima.

With the assistance of Yakima Federal Savings, the clinic was able to expand to primary care in 1979.

Yakima Neighborhood

Health Services currently offers a wide variety of programs, including public health, internal medicine, dental care, maternity support services and the second largest pediatrics department in the valley.

YNHS has also received an exceptional review recently from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations, which accredits hospitals nationwide.



COMMUNITY ROOM. This conference room on the third floor is available for use by community groups.

4th Street, where it served as the headquarters for the Omni Clinic, and later as an apartment building. Abandoned a second time, it was given to YNHS by attorney Fred Halvorson and his firm. The house was moved to the health

tion of the Richey house's first floor is only half the story. YNHS has also increased its number of exam rooms, from 27 to 42, through the addition of a new wing to the back of the house.

The new wing, which

Both the remodeling and the construction of new clinical space were carried out by Craig Schultz Construction of Yakima at a cost of approximately \$1 million. As a 501(c)3 non-profit, Neighborhood Health Services was able to issue