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### **Dirtworks, PC Wins 2 Landscape Awards for Healthcare Environments**

New York, NY – December 2, 2013 – Dirtworks, PC, received 2 awards for the 2013 Landscape Architecture for Healthcare Environments. Dirtworks was awarded the 2013 Silver Award for Camphill Ghent Elder Care Initiative and the 2013 Bronze Award for Estelle’s Garden, a NICU Rooftop Garden at Danbury Hospital. The awards were given by the Vendome Group, in conjunction with The Center for Health Design (CHD) and The Society for the Advancement of Gerontological Environments (SAGE). Focused on landscape architecture in healthcare, the awards program recognizes exceptional designs in acute care, senior care, and behavioral health care.

According to Donna Paglia, Director of Architectural Programs for Vendome Group: “I was impressed how the landscape designs of Camphill Ghent (for senior care) and Estelle’s Garden (for acute care) really work to support the goal of creating manageable and meaningful spaces for the users while allowing them to engage with the natural environment.”

Camphill Ghent's Elder Care Initiative is a planned community for senior citizens located on 109 rural acres in Copake, NY. The project aims to extend the social-therapeutic model to address the needs of the frail in an integrated mutually supportive setting. The design creates a community that fosters the art of caring in all its aspects: caring for the individual, caring for the community, and caring for the land. Sustainable technologies and a program of biodynamic agriculture foster a sense of connectedness to the natural environment.

Danbury Hospital’s Level III B Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) cares for newborns with the most complex surgical and medical conditions. The project creates a spacious 770 SF pavilion and serene 4,000 SF second-floor rooftop garden, where families and attending staff can seek solace and respite in a non-clinical setting.

#### *About Dirtworks, PC*

Dirtworks, PC ([www.dirtworks.us](http://www.dirtworks.us)) is an internationally recognized and award-winning landscape architecture firm. Its designs enhance the restorative quality of the natural environment. The firm, founded in 1995 by David Kamp, FASLA, LF, NA, provides clients with the creativity and technical knowledge essential to project design and site planning. Dirtworks, PC provides a full range of professional services with a staff of technically trained and design-oriented landscape architects.

#### *About the Vendome Group*

*Vendome Healthcare Media Group* (<http://www.vendomehealthcaremedia.com/>) produces high-quality publications for professionals in today’s healthcare industry. Vendome partners with prestigious organizations such as The Center for Health Design, The American Institute of Architects, The Society for the Advancement of Gerontological Environments, The National Association of Addiction Treatment Providers, and many others.