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Gerald Martin General Contractor Around for 30 Years For a Reason

Gerald Martin General Contractor (GMGC) is almost as well known for its quality of work around the state of New Mexico as it is in its hometown of Albuquerque. Celebrating its 30th year in business, GMGC took the time to describe some of its high-profile projects, including the Lodge at Chama, Wingate Elementary School, and Laguna Acoma Jr./Sr. High School.

The Lodge at Chama was built to provide an exceptional hospitality experience, in the spirit of old Lodges of the West. This remote hunting and fishing lodge is, in effect, a commercial building with all the character and detail of a custom residence. What makes this a significant hospitality project is that the architectural design references a style of great lodge camps (with handmade craftsmanship) while utilizing more cost-effective modern construction techniques but still retaining that same character. The casual charm of the existing building was expanded upon, without imposing the "new" feel of a modern addition with all of today's amenities. In doing so, it exceeded the Owner's and their client's expectations.

Gerald Martin General Contractor, as part of a joint-venture with Kitchell, is providing construction services on the design-build replacement school project on the Navajo Reservation in the northwest corner of New Mexico. The project consists of the design and construction of a new Wingate Elementary Replacement School, a \$37.4 million, 269,439 square foot facility to include dormitory housing for 845 students. The construction schedule, approximately 450 calendar days, is due to be completed in December 2004. Utilizing a proven accelerated project approach allows completion of the design and construction of this exciting project within the established timeframe.

The design team conducted cultural brainstorming sessions with Navajo tribe members to solidify the design concept incorporating the very important Circle of Life, cardinal directions, and local building materials to establish a sense of place for Wingate Elementary School. The design team attempted to include the elements of the community issues into the design. We knew that the design charrette was also another milestone in the planning project to involve the community and took this opportunity for community involvement seriously. We responded in any manner possible given the framework that existed.

GMGC also recently completed the 133,000 square foot Laguna Acoma Jr./Sr. High School in Casa Blanca, NM. The building has four architectural towers which represent historical landmarks within the four communities served by the school. These landmarks are the facades of St. Joseph's Church in Laguna, St. Esteban's Del Rey Church in Acoma, Our Lady of Sorrow Church in Seboyeta, and Our Lady of Light Church in Cubero. These communities worked collaboratively with the Grants/Cibola County School District to develop this "Shared Dream into Reality". The "dream" began in May 1994 in a historical meeting of all these communities. The leadership committed to build a new school on that day. In May 2004, the GCCS District and its respective communities and citizens celebrated the "reality" of the new junior/senior high school. In a working relationship that spanned two years, GMGC worked around the clock to meet the School's desires on more than a few occasions.

Other projects in progress or completed by GMGC within the state of New Mexico include: Acoma Early Child Development Center, New Mexico School for the Deaf, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center Office Building and Dining Hall, Weir Hall, Otero County Prison Facility.

Established in 1974 by CEO Gerald Martin, Gerald Martin General Contractor has completed such ambitious projects as the Sandia Peak Tramway, Sheraton Old Town Hotel, Hyatt Tamaya Destination Resort, and the National Hispanic Cultural Center's Roy E. Disney Center for the Performing Arts.

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