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LEONARD RUDOFSKY BUILDING AT HANDI KIDS BREAKS GROUND
NEW FACILITY TO INCREASE PROGRAMMING SPACE FOR CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES

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Ground-breaking ceremonies were held on September 28th at Handi Kids for the Leonard Rudofsky Building, honoring the memory of Lenny Rudofsky and his extraordinary dedication to Handi Kids. Handi Kids is a non-profit recreational facility for children and young adults with physical and cognitive disabilities in Bridgewater, Massachusetts.

Arrowstreet designed the building to resemble the prow of a boat, for Rudofsky loved boats and being on the water. A long-standing supporter of Handi Kids and member of the Board of Directors, Rudofsky built the riding ring and barn for the therapeutic horseback riding program and assisted with many special events. He was named their "Man of the Year" in 1995. A prominent developer and contractor instrumental in building many malls, office buildings, hotel properties, and assisted living facilities in the region, Rudofsky died unexpectedly last year.

The Leonard Rudofsky Building will significantly increase programming space for approximately 1,000 children who benefit from Handi Kids' year-round therapeutic recreational programs each year. The facility will include a fully-handicapped accessible kitchen for a vocational training program for children with disabilities, a performance area in the Great Room for dance and theatre performances by the children, an arts and crafts room for new types of arts and crafts activities, a small video room for educational movies, and a much larger dining hall.

Handi Kids is a 501(c)(3) organization, relying on donations from corporations, foundations and individuals to meet their obligations to the children. Donation opportunities range from naming rights of buildings and programs, to planned gifts, to supporting or subsidizing various fundraisers throughout the year. Many donors choose to sponsor children for summer camp or therapeutic riding sessions.

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