

# Dream. Think. Do. Together.

We are Svigals + Partners, an award-winning architecture and art integration firm imagining a better future. We share with our clients a commitment to improving lives in education, science-tech, healthcare, and community-building. At the heart of our practice is the seamless blending of architecture, art, and storytelling designed to create experiences that nourish life. Our most successful projects emerge from close collaboration, and we hold dearly the belief all of us are smarter than any one of us.



# **OUR VISION:**

A compassionate world inspired to create a better future together.

**OUR MISSION:** To design artful solutions with passion and purpose, enriched by meaningful collaboration.

# • Our Svigals project is our **Crown Jewel**

2023 Fast Company Innovation by Design Award Finalist | Learning Category 2022 CREW CT Social Impact Award 2021 Chicago Athenaeum American Architecture Award 2021 Interior Design Magazine Best of Year Award

2021 AIA CT Design Award ... to name just a few



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**12 STATES** 

**CONNECTICUT CERTIFIED** SMALL BUSINESS ENTERPRISE

2021 Recipient of the Greater **New Haven Chamber of Commerce** Equity & Inclusive **Opportunity Award** 

Civic-Cultural + Education + Healthcare + Mixed-Use/Residential + Science-Technology + Workplace

# WORLD'S TOP 10 MOSTINNOVATIVE **COMPANIES IN ARCHITECTURE** AS NAMED BY FAST COMPANY

#### **PARTNERS**

Jay Brotman, AIA Bob Skolozdra, AIA, LEED AP Chris Bockstael, AIA Doug Lovegren, AIA

- **28** STAFF MEMBERS
- **12** LICENSED ARCHITECTS
- 03 LEED AP CERTIFIED
- 02 WELLAP CERTIFIED
- 03 NCIDO CERTIFIED **INTERIOR DESIGNERS**

# **Our Team**

Svigals + Partners nurtures a creative, collaborative spirit. We believe in multi-functional teams working together to support shared knowledge, problem solving, learning, and risk taking. Ours is an open environment where people feel valued, heard, and connected to a larger purpose -- resulting in greater creativity and innovation.

We believe this team culture works in harmony with individuals developing chosen areas of expertise. As such, we have committed leaders for sustainability, technology, quality control, graphic design, and equity/diversity, among other disciplines.

Together, we form a whole. We practice gratitude and respect. We value asking over telling. Wondering over knowing. Let us share our experience with you creating the community to which we all aspire.









#### Chris Bockstael, AIA | Partner

Chris Bockstael, partner, has more than twenty years of experience in the field of architecture. By demonstrating outstanding design excellence and leadership in his work, Chris advances complex programmatic demands, rooted in a rigorous performance-based design process. His involvement with numerous high profile and complex landmark design projects, and deft combination of both time-tested and innovative design strategies and emerging technologies, has earned Chris the reputation as a holistic visionary with functional practicality. Through an engaging and collaborative process, Chris routinely uses his skills to bring diverse constituencies together to generate unifying ideas.

### **Doug Lovegren, AIA | Partner**

With more than 20 years of experience in healthcare facility design, Doug is adept at merging the client's space requirements with their desired patient and staff flows to develop highly efficient and functional spaces. He is also sensitive to the unique aspects of clinical design, including equipment provisions, hygienic practices, privacy concerns and staff collaboration. Doug's responsibilities include architectural design, project management, as well as construction administration. He is also the Information Technology Manager with 30 years of experience running software unique to the Architecture industry.

#### Marissa Mead, AIA, LEED AP | Director of Art Integration

Marissa has contributed as an artist and architect to more than 100 projects at Svigals + Partners. Among the first in the industry to hold the title of Director of Art Integration, Marissa consistently unites architecture, sculpture, and story-telling to create meaningful places. In 2019, two of her project designs received national recognition: New Britain's sculptural Beehive Bridge, and her pro-bono design for New Haven's Botanical Garden of Healing. In 2020, Marissa was honored to be named to Connecticut Magazine's prestigious 40 Under 40 list.

#### Melissa Milano, NCIDQ | Interior Designer

Melissa has nearly a decade of experience in design and project management across the corporate and healthcare sectors. Working on healthcare projects ranging from 30,000 to 660,000 SF, Melissa has proven her ability to collaborate with multidisciplinary project teams and find innovative solutions throughout all project phases.

### **Our Process**

Svigals + Partners was founded to create environments where life is nourished by the experience of the architecture.

Our process aims to cultivate a collective sense of purpose. We begin by asking animating questions to understand your vision, mission, and experience -- from which priorities emerge. Sometimes this engagement process is a small, select group. Sometimes it's expansive, including a wide array of stakeholders. Our process is adaptable and customized to your uniqueness.

Immersed in what we've heard and seen, we begin to design. Always through the lens of opportunity, we look for sharp edges that need smoothing and solutions that need more thinking. We repeatedly ask ourselves how can the design better serve the person, the organization, and the world? Led by aims and aspirations, we pursue a meaningful contribution to the unique nature of each place and each community.

Unique to our process is the integration of architecture, art, and storytelling. Art has always been an essential part of human culture, and experiencing art calls us to the humanity we share. By incorporating art into architecture, we create a resonance that binds community together, inspiring all to be their best selves.

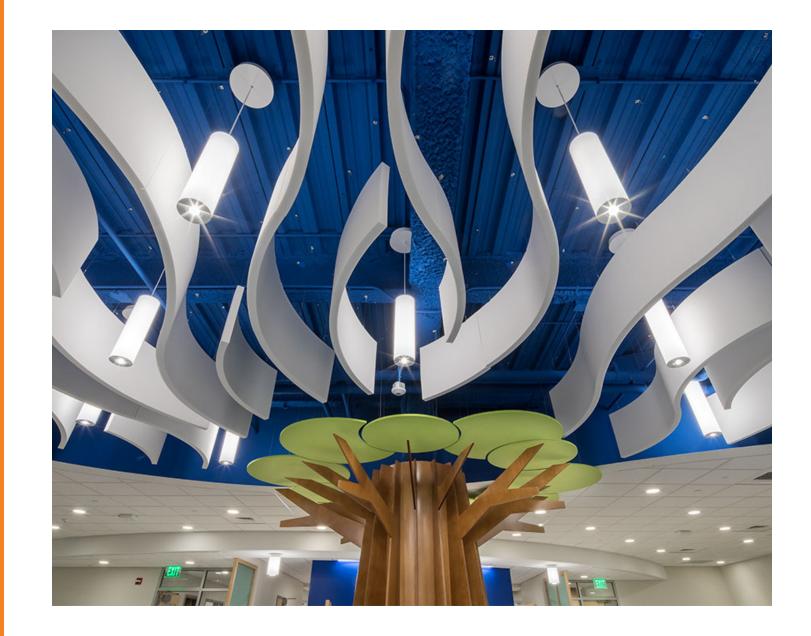


# **Our Impact**

Our clients are passionate about improving lives.

They are educators training tomorrow's leaders, biotech firms seeking cures, healthcare providers caring for old and young, and civic, cultural, corporate, and non-profit organizations serving communities.

Our client's mission is our mission, and we strive every day to create a better future together.





#### **UCONN Health Center Clinical Building**

In partnership with Architectural Resources Cambridge (Architect of Record), Svigals completed a major renovation of the University of Connecticut Health Center's Clinic Building.

Funded as part of the CT Bio-Science Initiative, plans included major renovation/expansion of the Dental and Cardiology Clinics, new clinics for Pulmonology, Nephrology, and clinical research as well as renovations to the clinical laboratories and hospital pharmacy. A Master Plan for renovating the entire facility was developed at the start of the project to guide implementation of the initial work in concert with the client's overall vision for the building. Only having enough funding to renovate half of the facility and the need to occupy the building during construction, the renovation required tight collaboration with the design engineers and UCONN Health Facilities staff.







#### Yale University School of Nursing Simulation Lab

The Simulation Center Expansion is an innovative enhancement to the University's existing simulation program. The center now includes a standardized patient lab with digital capture and playback, and a home care lab that doubles as a psychiatric simulation lab.

As a result of the careful considerations and attention to the campus' integrity, the design team was able to create a high fidelity standardized patient area, allowing students the opportunity to be as close as they can to real world experience while still being in an educational setting that allows for close observation and critique.













#### Southern Connecticut State University Health & Human Services Building

Serving as the new heart of SCSU's Health & Human Services program, the building consolidates eight campus-wide locations encompassing nearly two-dozen disciplines, uniting their academic centers, clinics, and institutes into one inviting, interdisciplinary experience.

With the central purpose of the facility to be a "teaching clinic", the design includes office and administration spaces, a nursing simulation learning center, nursing classrooms and teaching labs, clinical spaces, recreational therapy spaces, exercise science labs, and departmental space for several areas of study, such as communications disorders, marriage and family therapy, recreation, tourism and sports management, public health, social work, and exercise science.





#### Yale University School of Medicine: Child Study Center

Internationally recognized Yale Child Study Center needed a new centralized space to serve as a home for outpatient, behavioral health treatment and study. Previously located in three separate locations, bringing all the services under one roof was a challenge. Programming workshops played a vital role in determining the team's holistic vision which was to create a biophilic atmosphere for staff, caregivers, and children while prioritizing patient privacy.

Features of the space include 80-plus clinical offices, reception areas, smaller themed, waiting rooms, wayfinding/orientation, conference rooms, private offices, workstations, huddle room, and a large breakroom.

This building is not only more user friendly for patients and their families, but it successfully creates a supportive research and work environment that promotes collaboration and crosspollination of ideas.









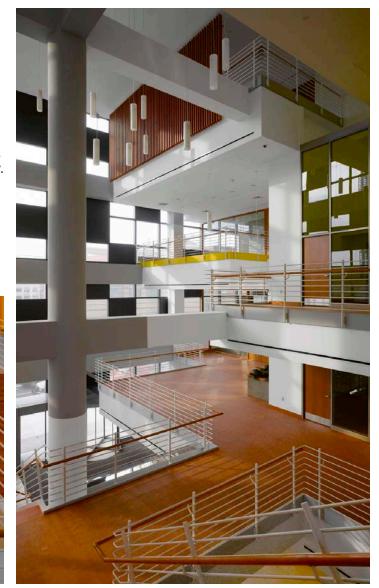


#### Park Street Clinical Laboratory Building

This multi-use facility's program includes: four floors of clinical laboratory space, blood bank, pharmacy, administrative offices, ground floor retail, hospital auditorium and primary loading dock for the entire hospital. Most importantly, it needed to provide a transitional space between the hospital, adjacent 2,000 car garage, clinical laboratories and the public realm.

By organizing the building around an atrium, the facility is anchored to the site and actively engages the community. The polychrome of the exterior façade gives way to a calm interior that features a light-filled garden atrium. Accessible and inviting, the internal garden will provide welcome respite year-round offering a soothing transition between all program elements, particularly for the patients.





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#### **Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center: Recovery & Wellness Center**

The Recovery Wellness Center will provide a new home for Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center, expanding on their current network of Community Healthcare services in New Haven. This new facility will offer medical and psychiatric services on an out-patient basis, as well as provide shelter for patients in need of a place to stay while being treated. Together, these services will provide a holistic care in a calming environment.

The new building's site was strategically chosen to create a campus for CSHHC expanding an entire city block. Located adjacent to an existing CSHHC facility, staff from each building are able to support one another, with the goal to create cohesive and flexible delivery of recovery services. Preliminary studies for the building configuration and site design included examining how to provide access from the street and the driveway behind (one story below), circulation around and in-between the buildings, and locating an outdoor space for residents.

The Recovery Wellness Center will house a Reception and Waiting Area, Exam, Treatment and Interview Rooms, Patient Intake and Testing Spaces, Group Rooms, Offices, Bedrooms, a Cafeteria, and Lounge/Library and Training Rooms for its residents. The design emerged from the idea of layering, to align with the varied approaches to one's healing. Our goal was to elevate the concept of the shelter to empower healing, while creating a safe space for residents and caregivers alike.







#### Yale University W-AOS Aesthetics Center

The 15,000 square foot building is being transformed from a typical office space to a clinical facility housing medical and surgical dermatology. The program includes 12 exam rooms, 12 MOHS and Laser procedure rooms, a MOHS lab, clinical and administrative support. The project also includes a new building addition entry with new elevator, vertical circulation, and waiting area.







#### **Continuum of Care Headquarters**

Serving the most underserved population in need of home care, Continuum now has a home for themselves, bringing together over a dozen separate office locations under one roof.

To begin the process, the design team gathered and listened to client stories of the nurturing support they were receiving from Continuum. Learning that came from the clients' experiences inspired the concept of "rebuilding lives," which became the guiding principle for the design.

The result was a new headquarters grounded in the concept of home - including a two-story reception area, administrative offices, conference rooms, space for staff training, and a café with patio and its own separate entrance.

Svigals designed original laser-cut metal artwork to further celebrate the essence of home and community. This imagery was so successful and inspiring that it fostered a subsequent rebranding effort for all of the Continuum brand of services and facilities. The building's design provides a generous, authentic environment that supports the care this vulnerable population needs and deserves.

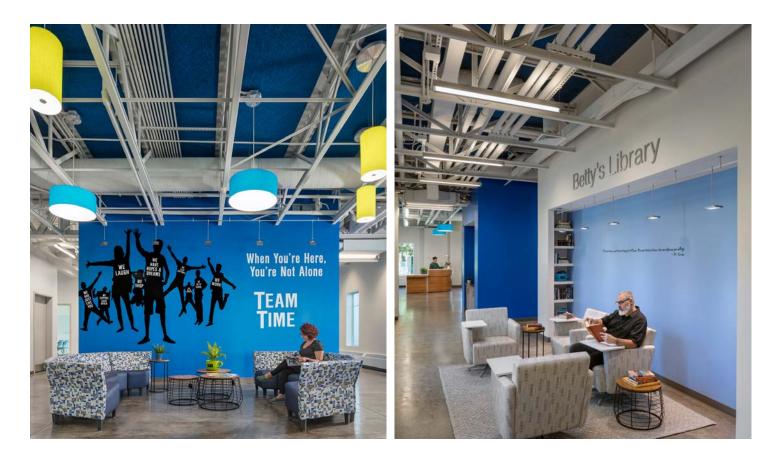






#### **Community Mental Health Affiliates: Community Center**

The 10,000 SF building needed to be fully reimagined in order to maximize a tight budget. The new Community Center support space operated by Community Mental Health Affiliates provides individuals in recovery from mental health and/or substance use a safe environment for activities and socializing. Members can build their social skills by attending groups, community activities, advocacy events, and one-on-one meetings with social club staff.





#### **UCONN David C. Phillips Communications Sciences Building fMRI Clinic**

Svigals + Partners was commissioned by UCONN for the installation of a new fMRI suite that would lead research opportunities, new collaborations and external funding opportunities for the University. A preliminary study of several sites was conducted to determine the best location.

The project consists of 4,500 s.f. of demolition/ renovations to existing laboratories, clinical spaces, offices, classrooms and storage functions into a stateof-the-art functional magnetic resonance imaging suite for behavioral research. In addition to the fMRI scanner and equipment, the program for this project includes offices, behavioral testing, EEG testing, data processing, and various support spaces required for this multi-departmental shared facility. The scope also includes the design of radio frequency and magnetic shielding systems along with the coordination of the MRI equipment.







#### **Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center:** West Haven Clinic

The project represents the latest in an ongoing collaboration between Svigals + Partners and Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center totaling eight projects to-date. Set behind a desolate parking lot, the West Haven community's familiarity with the building as a former funeral home presented challenges. To usher in a new welcoming tone, S+P sought to transform both the exterior and the interior while remaining cognizant of economical constraints.









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#### Ronald McDonald House of Connecticut

Biophilic design informs the new home for families of children undergoing serious medical treatment. Providing an environment of comfort and repose across the street from Yale New Haven Children's Hospital, it creates a private, natural setting in an urban context.

Sculptural caryatids on the building come from an ancient tradition which offers a way for the human dimension to inhabit the architecture. In this way, the story of families being together is told through the architecture itself, integrated with the structure of the building, their story, their building, their home.

Families under great duress will have a home that in every detail aims to care for them as they wish to care for their children. The variety of places to be alone or with other family members is influenced by the warm and open presence of nature.





# **Other Healthcare Projects Completed by Svigals + Partners**

Project Name	Size
Cornell Scott-Hill Health - Hamden	7,000 SF
Gamma Knife Facility	1,700 SF
Yale School of Medicine - Temple Neurology	3,200 SF
Temple Medical Neurospect	3,900 SF
Diagnostic Radiology	5,600 SF
Derm Surgery	6,550 SF
Planned Parenthood	33,000 SF
Expansion to MS Research Center	550 SF
Dr. Hanson, OBGYN (Completed CDs)	3,130 SF
Yale School of Medicine - IVF/MFM Clinic	10,800 SF
Expansion of Yale School of Medicine IVF	14,400 SF
Temple Neurology	6,600 SF
60 Temple OBGYN, (formulation)	2,900 SF
Plastic Surgery Clinic (formulation)	2,230 SF
Temple Eye Center	14,000 SF
Yale School of Medicine Digestive Disease Clinic	6,100 SF
Temple Child Study Clinic	3,000 SF
Yale School of Medicine Stratford ENT Clinic	3,268 SF

# **Clients Are Saying**

"BEYOND my expectations." "I'm **THRILLED** with the design." "Svigals has **NO COMPETITION** in terms of creativity and collaboration." "The process of COLLABORATION was outstanding."

"Not your typical architect. NOTHING **COOKIE-CUTTER.**"

"Our Svigals project is our crown jewel." **"Svigals cares about the** project, the client, and meeting client needs. That shows."

**"NO CLASHING** which has happened with other architectural firms."

**"FANTASTIC IN REACHING CONSENSUS"** 

"Just the right amount of weird."

"All architects think about the end-user first, but Svigals THINKS OF THE CLIENTS too."





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