



2024 Women in CRE: Stephanie Oestreich, RKTB Architects

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What recent project, transaction, or accomplishment are you most proud of?

The most impactful project was a rehabilitation of several NYC Housing Authority developments in Brooklyn, with RKTb and Magnusson Architecture and Planning. The developer-led team renovated over a thousand residential units, plus common spaces and community centers, to improve the performance and livability of the complex. A fun project early in my career was a temporary library for a local community college, designed by Caldwell Architects. Our office held a staff competition to gather ideas for the entry ramp and canopy design. I took over the project during construction, so I got to participate in both ends of the process.

Who inspires you most? What qualities do they possess that inspire you?

Many colleagues and fellow members of professional organizations have served as role models. Kate Diamond, FAIA has been a strong role model and mentor over the years, encouraging my interest in environmentally responsible design. The principals at my current firm, RKTb, including Carmi Bee, FAIA and Peter Bafitis, AIA, share a commitment to improving the existing urban fabric through socially conscious design.

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