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## Renovated Mercy and Truth Medical Clinic Assists in Helping Kansas City's High Infant Mortality Rate Owners Advised By Morgan + Associates

KANSAS CITY, Kan., March 24, 2016 – Morgan + Associates, a women-operated enterprise that advises customers on their HVAC plans with consulting, building assistance and building automation services, is proud to announce its participation as the HVAC distributor of the Variable Refrigerant Flow (VRF) system from Mitsubishi Electric US, Inc. Cooling & Heating Division (Mitsubishi Electric) installed in the renovation of the Mercy and Truth Medical Clinic opening today. The clinic, created in a joint venture between Mercy and Truth Medical Mission and the New Birth Company, is helping to fight the high infant mortality rate impacting Wyandotte County and provide a comfortable care haven during the birthing process for underserved and underinsured individuals.



Mercy & Truth Medical Clinic

With the clinic fulfilling a vital need in the community, specific conditions were necessary to support natural births, such as the cooling and heating system and its safety from possible vandalism. The minimization of extreme or uncontrollable temperatures was also critical to system selection because proper, continuous comfort is important for providing prenatal services.

A birth clinic's design centers on the birthing room to serve the needs of the mother, child and support staff during childbirth. Such design emanates from Europe where it is

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quite common to find a birth clinic or "Houses of Birth" while in the United States there are over 200 licensed birth centers focused on natural birth services.

Adequate air flow to the birthing rooms was important within the first floor of the renovated brick building housing the clinic. It is divided into three sections: the exam rooms, administrative offices and birthing suites. Morgan + Associates recommended the installation of a VRF system from Mitsubishi Electric for maximum flexibility for the room-by-room comfort needed for patients giving birth.

A heat recovery system will service the birthing suites and nursing station. The exam rooms and administrative offices will receive cooling and heating from the VRF heat pump system.

"This technology will help us give our patients the comfortable environment they need for giving birth as well as for our nursing staff to provide care," said Geofrey



Mitsubishi Electric VRF System

Kigenyi, executive director of Mercy and Truth Medical Mission. "Often birthing clinics have inadequate airflow and temperature modulations that can put mothers and newborns at risk. The VRF system will help us avoid such complications."

The environment of the clinic was not the only challenge presented initially for specifying the best HVAC system. Budget constraints were also a concern. The installation of a CITY MULTI VRF system from Mitsubishi Electric was determined to be the best fit for the application because of lower installation costs compared to other HVAC systems. Having a system that provided both the necessary cooling and heating and met cost allotments ensured a smooth path to completing the renovation of the clinic.

"We are particularly proud of our involvement in such a significant project that will touch so many lives," said Morgan Knipp, president, Morgan + Associates. "Being able to

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contribute our expertise in the HVAC area with a Mitsubishi Electric VRF system to help counteract this frightening infant mortality rate serves such a higher purpose. We are eager to see that statistic change and the lives transformed from this place."

Other members of the Mercy and Truth Medical Clinic's renovation team included: Craig Ritchie, the general contractor from <u>3 Square Contracting</u>; Howard A. Russell, agent of the owner, Joel Perry, owner and architect, <u>Indwell Architect & Design</u>; Brad Palmer, design engineer, <u>Interpres Building Solutions</u>; and Kyle Roach, installation contractor and manager of commercial construction, <u>United Heating & Cooling</u>.

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