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# See which Pittsburgh area buildings won AIA architecture awards

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Second Harvest Community Thrift Store

*Photo by Joe Wahy*

In a year that saw bottlenecks in supply chains making building materials scarce, it's surprising it was a busy time for local architects, with lots of strong work in Pittsburgh and elsewhere.

The Pittsburgh chapter of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) honors the best work every year by local architects — featuring juried design competitions, Social Impact

Awards for projects that improve the community and a People's Choice Award winner. The Design Pittsburgh 2022 event was held Thursday night at Nova Place on the North Side.

Sustainability was a major theme, and many of the awards were given to adaptive reuses of old buildings.

“Architecture is the most public of the arts, but we are so used to

our buildings that we often don't really see them,” says Michelle Fanzo, executive director of AIA Pittsburgh. “Design Pittsburgh is a yearly opportunity to really look around and appreciate the remarkable diversity, functionality and beauty of the current design work our local architects are doing, and to celebrate the importance of good, meaningful design.”



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## **Social Impact in Design Awards**

*Second Harvest Community  
Thrift Store, Sharpsburg.  
Rothschild Doyno Collaborative.*

Jury comments: “We really appreciate the precedent this project sets — that there can be so much life given back to a type of functional building we see all over the country. We also appreciated the resonance of showing pride in reuse as an ethos of the thrift store, but also an ethos of the building. This is an example of how design provides dignity and community.”



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