

THE CARITAS PROJECT

## Cultivating 'A Place to Flourish'

10th annual Generative Space Award presented to Kennedy Outpatient Center

The Children's Hospital at Erlanger – Kennedy Outpatient Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee has been named this year's winner of the international "Generative Space Award," conferred by The CARITAS Project. The recognition is bestowed annually to a project that has cultivated "A Place to Flourish," as evidenced by a conscious and continuous improvement of physical environment and organizational culture.

The project team, including general contractor McCarthy Building Companies and architect HKS Architects, Inc., designed a building that has changed the patient/family experience, with its onstage/offstage clinic modules, kiosk registration, no private offices and discovery/waiting rooms. It is also a celebration of the community with the fire truck and tow truck greeting young patients and their families on

each floor. For more details, visit [thecaritasproject.info](http://thecaritasproject.info).

The Generative Space Award is an initiative of The CARITAS Project, which – since 2003 – has been conducting an independent research project to test the validity and reliability of the Generative Space method to make both systemic and sustainable improvements to health and healthcare. The award is one of several initiatives in this research. A panel of judges analyzes submittals and completes a scoring evaluation for each.

The call for entries for the 11th annual Generative Space Award seeks recent healthcare projects that demonstrate the integration of the physical and social environments to make a community A Place to Flourish.

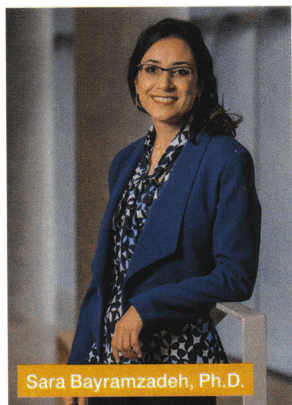
The deadline for submissions is June 15. For more info, visit [aplacetoflourish.net](http://aplacetoflourish.net).



From top: Dr. Wayne Ruga presents the Generative Space Award to Bruce Komiske, Mindy Goodroe and Dan Luhrs. > Approach to Children's Kennedy Outpatient Center at Erlanger with authentic steam locomotive feature.

RESEARCH

## Identifying Design Strategies for Safer, More Efficient Level I Trauma Rooms



Sara Bayramzadeh, Ph.D.

>> The Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality has awarded a \$2.47 million grant to a Kent State University researcher to help create trauma rooms that support staff in saving patients' lives. Sara Bayramzadeh, Ph.D., coordinator and Elliot Professor in the Healthcare Design Program at Kent State's College of Architecture and Environmental Design, will establish a Patient Safety Learning Lab to produce new guidelines for Level I trauma room design.

Bayramzadeh's project, "Toward a Model of Safety and Care for Trauma Room Design," will use design as a tool to improve efficient care in

Level I trauma rooms. The project brings together a team of researchers from Kent State and Cleveland Clinic Akron General for the next four years. The study is based on the Systems Engineering Initiative for Patient Safety model mandated by AHRQ's Patient Safety Learning Labs' program.

The project will identify some of the preventable errors related to the physical environment. Design strategies will be developed to integrate technology so future adaptability is maximized, as new models of care emerge over time. For more details, visit [kent.edu/caed](http://kent.edu/caed).