

#18 LaCasa

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"As we have gotten to know the LaCasa organization over the last 10 years, one cannot help but be impressed by the impact that they have had in the local community in providing housing, financial education and improving neighborhoods. For an organization in this size of a community to do so much for so many people is just amazing. We are so blessed to have been selected by LaCasa to partner with them on some of the most challenging projects in Goshen including the renovation of the old Hattle Hotel and Shoots building and now the Hawks building. To be part of the transformation of some of the most neglected buildings in town to become great living and working environments for residents of Goshen is tremendously satisfying to be a part of."

--Doug Wogoman, President
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History:

- LaCasa, Inc., a not-for-profit community development corporation, asked DJ to convert the old Hattle Hotel (also known as the Lincoln Hotel) at 210 E. Lincoln Avenue into apartments for people who had been living in sub-standard conditions. By April 2007, the once-decrepit building was restored to its original glory. The Hattle contains 12 apartments with large windows and interior exposed brick. Extra care was given to preserve the building's historic elements.
- Downtown Goshen's historic Shoots Building renovation project began while the Hattle project was still in process, with the goal the same as the previous renovation. DJ's construction crew not only worked with a tight schedule, but also spent extra time helping to coordinate the many volunteers who helped. This project yielded 16 new apartments as well as commercial space on the first floor.
- DJ and LaCasa's third project was in 2011 & included the renovation of the old Goshen Housing Authority office on Lincoln Ave. into 15 apartment units. This facility was awarded certification through the National Green Building Standards.
- In 2013, LaCasa, Oaklawn, & DJ partnered on the Westplains Apartments to convert an existing building into a 16-unit, wood-framed apartment building with a community area. The project received recognition for its many "green" components. This building is also used to provide low-income housing to the Goshen community.
- DJ & LaCasa are currently partnering on the former Hawks Furniture building along Goshen's historic Millrace canal to create 35 live/work apartments for artists and entrepreneurs.

