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### History:

- DJ Construction partnered with the Oakwood Foundation from 1996-2006 on a variety of projects related to Oakwood Park in Syracuse, from major builds to smaller repairs.
- In early 1999, DJ completed the construction of four new cottages up on the hill.
- Starting in late 1998 and finishing in June 1999, a new two-story, 13,848 square foot Academy Building was designed and built in order to provide Christian youth leadership training. This building sits nestled into the top of the hill overlooking Lake Wawasee. The upstairs contains a meeting hall that can seat up to 300 people and a library/conference room, offices, and restrooms. Downstairs, the area divides into two separate conference/recreation rooms and a work area. On the south side of the building, a deck and patio offer views of Conklin Bay.
- A 6,070 square foot addition was built onto the existing Oakwood Ecumenical Conference Center in 2000, providing expanded banquet dining and meeting space. DJ met a tight deadline to allow Dr. Robert Schuller of the Crystal Cathedral to speak at a Rotary International District conference here in May of 2000.

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**“The staff of DJ was very fortunate to work with Mr. Howard Brembeck to help further his dreams for Oakwood. He definitely had a passion for youth and The Leadership Academy was a major achievement in his endeavors. Scott Halmi, Oakwood Director of Operations, was also a pleasure to work with. I will always remember that I was at Oakwood looking at another potential project for Howard on the morning of 9/11/01 when I learned of the attacks on the World Trade Center Towers.”**

–JC Schrock,  
Vice-President,  
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