

# CHICAGO LANDMARKS



## 2019 PRESERVATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

### 3301 West Arthington Street Sears, Roebuck & Company District Adaptive Reuse

Recipient: Mercy Housing Lakefront

The Printing/Merchandise Development and Laboratory Building is included in the Sears, Roebuck and Company District in North Lawndale. Historically, the building was used to print Sears' famous mail-order catalogues and later used as a product research facility. When Sears moved their offices downtown in 1974, the imposing industrial building was left vacant for 40 years. Mercy Housing Lakefront has repurposed the building into a 181-apartment, affordable housing complex known as the Lofts on Arthington. With assistance from numerous resources including Federal Historic Rehabilitation Tax Credit, the project was able to successfully keep the building's industrial aesthetic while accommodating the new apartments. Interior work included the restoration of the front lobby, the original floors, and the marble baseboards. Exterior work included masonry repairs, replacement of damaged/missing terra cotta, and the installation of new windows. This excellent project is an example of how a historic building can be reused to serve and improve its surrounding neighborhood, while still retaining its affordability. The Sears, Roebuck and Company District was designated a Chicago Landmark on March 18, 2015.



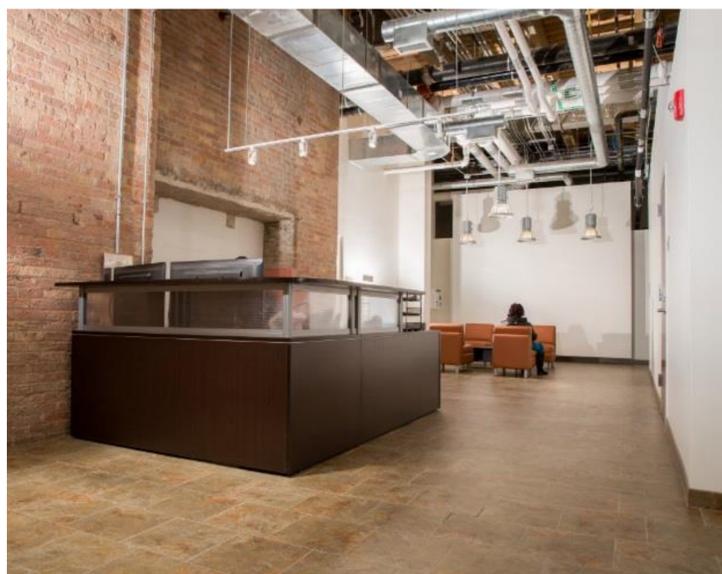
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before



after



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