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Stack Design Build re-purposes 2 industrial shipping containers

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In the spirit of this season of giving, several local building design and construction firms have collaborated on a project that will bring medical attention to thousands in the Dominican Republic.

Triton Containers, Ltd. donated 2 used industrial shipping containers. Anshen + Allen, a Boston-based healthcare architecture firm, provided pro bono design expertise. Then Pawtucket-based construction services company Stack Design Build re-purposed the 8 x 20 foot steel boxes into a clinic that will serve Dominican women and children with medical care.

The design concept comes from Containers to Clinics (C2C), a Boston-based non-profit organization. They have conceived a new approach to healthcare delivery for poor communities: take used industrial shipping containers and retrofit them to create small, inexpensive, highly mobile medical clinics to deliver healthcare services.

C2C has partnered with Infante Sano, a healthcare provider specializing in healthcare improvement programs.

The clinic will be shipped to Infante Sano's existing post in Bani, a rural community ninety minutes outside Santo Domingo, this month, and is expected to be fully operational by spring 2010.

Stack Design Build is a unique construction services provider focused on affordable green building, sustainable design, and innovative technologies. Stack DB offers construction management, design, and design build services to residential and commercial clients in the Providence, Boston, and southeast Massachusetts markets.

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