

ACHIEVEMENTS

ARCHITECTURE

A3C – Collaborative

Architecture worked with the founders of the **Washtenaw Child Advocacy Center** on a pro bono basis to transform a more traditional office environment into a supportive place for children and their families. The center will hold its open house celebration Nov. 9. Washtenaw County Facilities Management completed the construction. A3C secured several generous donations of carpet, furniture, murals and volunteer muralists for the new facility. The 2,963 square foot space includes administrative offices, an interview room, therapy offices, exam suite and conference room.

EDUCATION

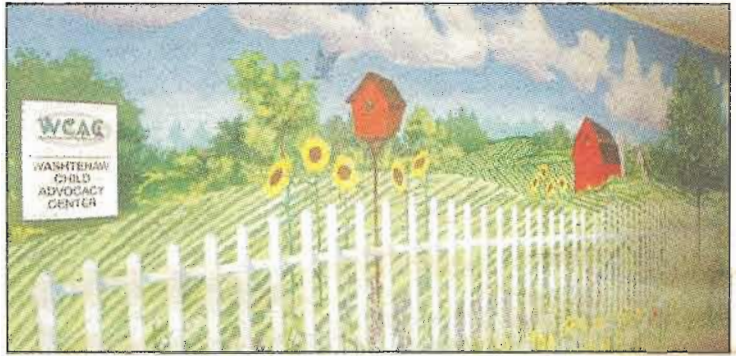
Eastern Michigan University's Apparel, Textiles and Merchandising (ATM) program has earned national accreditation (Chartered Associateship) by the **Textile Institute**, an international organization based in England. EMU's accreditation runs through 2010.

EMU's ATM program prepares students for careers in merchandising, marketing, and apparel. The program also provides technical training in new technologies for textiles used in the automotive and furniture industries.

Students who graduate from EMU's program are eligible to apply for the Chartered Associateship of the Textile Institute after two years of professional experience. There currently are 138 undergraduate students enrolled in EMU's program.

FOOD SERVICES

Bank of Ann Arbor has selected Chelsea-based **Bearclaw Coffee Company** to provide coffee services in their new banking center on West Ellsworth at



A mural at the Washtenaw Child Advocacy Center.

Airport Road in Ann Arbor. The new office will feature a cyber café with three brews of Bearclaw Coffee, high speed Internet stations and a financial learning lounge with expected opening date of October 30, 2006. The Bearclaw Coffee Company currently has 12 franchise locations in the greater Ann Arbor area with 18 more scheduled to open in 2007.

Lori Shepard, executive chef and owner of **Simply Scrumptious Catering**, was honored by the **Women Business Owners of Southeastern Michigan** for business growth and demonstrating excellent business practices. Shepard received the organization's 2006 Outstanding Achievement in Business Growth and Expansion Award.

Simply Scrumptious Catering was started three years ago and has experienced greater than 100% growth in each of its years in operation. It is on track to do the same again this year. The company recently moved into a newly built production facility in Dexter.

NON-PROFITS

Marianne Udow, director of the **Michigan Department of Human Services**, is presenting the **Shelter Association** of Washtenaw County with \$50,000 today to continue its programming for the homeless population. This contract award is a part of Michigan's statewide efforts to address the issue of

homelessness. The Robert J. Delonis Center, founded in 1982, is the home of the Shelter Association of Washtenaw County. It is located on W. Huron Street in downtown Ann Arbor.

REAL ESTATE

Colliers International signed a new tenant for a 1,750-square-foot industrial lease at 1175 Rickett Road in Brighton. **Rob Hughes** and **Evan Jurovcik** of Colliers International represented the landlord, **Needle Pointe Development**, and the tenant, **Freedom Hawk Kayaks Inc.**, in this transaction.

WEB DESIGN

Hollander's has selected strategic design consultancy **Q Ltd** to design and develop an all-new e-commerce web site.

"Hollander's has been an Ann Arbor icon for many years and has created a unique environment for the book and paper arts community," said **Christine Golus**, Q Ltd's VP, creative director. "We are thrilled to capture the warmth and inspiration of their physical store in their new web site."

Q Ltd's work will focus on research into the customer journey, establishing a new design and interaction system, and launching a robust e-commerce platform. The new site is scheduled to launch January 2007.