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Erin's Gym
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Erin's Gym, located on Sterling House property, was built in memory of Erin Marie Babineau, who was tragically killed at the young age of 10 in a tour bus accident while on a family vacation in 2005. Erin's Gym is managed by Erin's parents, Jeff and Donna. It enables Sterling House to expand its youth sports and camp programs and provides an indoor sports venue during inclement weather.



The Situation

After accommodating Sterling family legacy property restrictions along with the Town of Stratford historic district constraints, Sterling House and the Babineau family selected Pat Munger Construction Company, Inc. to build Erin's Gym.



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The Challenges

- Maximize indoor gymnasium space to accommodate sports such as soccer, softball, and football while meeting ADA compliance requirements.
- Construct an architecturally pleasing facility with an exterior that complements Sterling House and an interior that meets the needs of the Babineau family.
- Achieve outstanding cost efficiency.

The Solution

A 14,000-square-foot Varco Pruden pre-engineered steel building with 12-inch-deep straight columns, a 35-foot clear span, and a 3:12 pitch maximizes the roof height allowed by zoning regulations. The versatile gym features a state-of-the-art PureGrass artificial playing surface and can be divided for separate uses. It also includes two drop-down batting cages, a protected viewing area, and training space.



The exterior color scheme includes a classic beige body and a cool red standing-seam roof featuring a cupola proportionate to the length of the building. Brickwork accents the lower façade. Throughout the interior, Erin's favorite colors, blue and purple, are highlighted in the gym, community room, and mezzanine.

High R-value insulation and a 96% efficient gas-fired hydro-air HVAC system provide cost-effective climate control throughout the facility. Exterior and interior features, including polished concrete floors in the community room and foyer, were designed for low maintenance. High-efficiency overhead fluorescent lighting illuminates the gym.

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Results

The local community benefits from access to a welcoming recreation center. Jeff Babineau stated that Munger did a phenomenal job creating a versatile commercial building on time and within budget.

He also shared:

"A caring Munger team fell in love with Erin and understood the personal importance of this project to our family. Munger helped us heal part of our loss by keeping Erin's memory alive and helping other kids in areas to which Erin aspired. This enables us to move on to the next chapter of our lives."

"It is very easy to do business with Munger, from consistently perfect monthly ledgers to post-installation issue resolution. We felt so comfortable with Munger's integrity and honesty. They always did the right thing. Even a year after storm damage, the same guys came back for repairs."

Munger Construction received the 2012 Varco Pruden Hall of Fame Award for Erin's Gym.

Erin's Legacy Provides Advantages for Stratford Youth

Erin's legacy will live on through this youth athletic facility, which will continue to improve the lives of young people in Stratford, Connecticut.

"We have so much vested in this legacy to our daughter, Erin, that we just had to do this perfectly," said Babineau.

Erin's Gym was donated to Sterling House Community Center in 2021, but it will always be known as Erin's Gym.



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"There's an obvious people investment in professionalism and consistency throughout Munger Construction from top to bottom. A similar trust is ingrained in Munger's subcontractors. This is Munger's core competency."

Jeff Babineau, Erin's Gym

Teamwork Essential for Success

In this unique design-build project, Munger Construction collaborated with the Babineau family and Design Two Architecture to create a building that honored Erin's legacy. As general contractor, Munger Construction was involved from the design stage through building completion, with Munger's talented craftspeople contributing to all aspects of the project. The team was led by Project Manager Mike Cormier and on-site Foreman John DeSarbo.

Munger Construction also managed a skilled team of subcontractors who contributed to the total solution. Southern Connecticut Gas contributed time and labor, and UI provided free installation. Working together, the team took extra pride in constructing this special project.

Criscuolo Engineering: Site plan and planning and zoning coordination

Tenedine Construction Company: Sitework

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Massey Glass: Windows

Total Electric: Electrical

ENCON: HVAC

Floors and More: Flooring

R.A. Torre Painting Contractors: Painting

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