About the Project

Additional support for the The Weight of Architecture Project provided through generous grants from AIA Ohio and The AIA College of Fellows. Below is a brief introduction to the nonprofits and the teams who worked on the projects this past year.

About The Organization:

A Word from the Team:

design challenges from small maintenance issues to reorganizing the space to setting for artists and guests. We chose this project because of the varied events in a narrow 1,320 square foot space which provides an intimate setting for artists and guests.

Wild Goose Creative exists “to support, encourage, and promote all forms of art and artists in Columbus, Ohio.” The organization hosts a variety of artistic events in a versatile space. Wild Goose Creative facilitates the creation of art across multiple mediums by involving the community in its programs and activities. The organization also produces a professionally recorded song for each student. Wild Goose Creative is a public nonprofit that is supported by donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations.

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- Providing design services to help create and expand the organization’s facilities
- Offering leadership training to the nonprofit’s management team
- Connect the nonprofit with potential funders

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Our involvement with The Weight of Architecture Project stems from a desire to provide design assistance to local 501(c) 3 non-profit organizations that could otherwise have the resources to retain such services. Over the past year, teams met with the selected nonprofits to assess and analyze a challenge identified by their organization. The project was intended to establish a dialogue with and build connections between the nonprofit community and the local architectural profession.

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