



## Medical Practice Owner Relies on CRC's Expertise to Restore Historic Building Damaged by EF-1 Tornado



### What Happened

A pair of tornadoes tore through western Arkansas in late spring, leaving a trail of destruction in their wake. Among the affected areas was Van Buren, where a longstanding medical practice housed in a 70-year-old building bore the brunt of the natural disaster. The tornadoes unleashed powerful winds that uprooted trees, toppled power lines, and wreaked havoc on buildings. The medical practice's brick building suffered extensive damage, with the tornado tearing down the southwest wall and roof. The ferocity of the storm, an EF-1 with maximum winds between 100-110 mph, coupled with subsequent water damage and the building's outdated compliance standards, presented a daunting challenge for the medical practice owners.

### Challenges and Objectives

The restoration project presented numerous challenges, including supply chain disruptions, limited local contractor options, and the need to comply with stringent code and ordinance laws. Complicating matters further was preserving the building's historical essence while integrating modern upgrades, especially considering it was not a conventional doctor's office but rather a converted old mansion. Amidst these complexities, the primary objectives were to restore the building to its pre-tornado state, ensure compliance with current code and safety standards, and minimize disruption to the practice's operations.

### How CRC Responded

CRC approached the project with meticulous planning and attention to detail. The team initiated clear communication channels with the practice owners and their insurance company to establish expectations and address concerns promptly.

### RECONSTRUCTION SERVICES

- Demolition
- Structural repairs
- Exterior masonry
- Roofing
- Gutters
- Interior repairs/finishes
- Electrical
- Paint
- Trim
- Original American Cherry flooring
- Historic architectural details



Recognizing the significance of the historic features, CRC prioritized sourcing materials and skilled craftsmen locally to ensure authenticity in the restoration process.

CRC's expertise and resourcefulness were instrumental in overcoming obstacles. Despite initial challenges with city regulations, the team leveraged connections and problem-solving skills to navigate bureaucratic hurdles effectively. Proactive measures were taken to anticipate potential issues, such as asbestos and code violations, mitigating risks and ensuring smooth progress throughout the project.

### Results

Despite the project's complexity and external challenges, CRC successfully completed the restoration of the doctor's office building within six months, just in time for the holiday season. The meticulous restoration work preserved the building's historic charm while incorporating modern elements to enhance functionality. By prioritizing client communication and collaboration, CRC exceeded expectations, earning praise from both the practice owners and the insurance company.

The project's success was evident not only in the restored building but also in the positive impact on the community.

Thanks to CRC's dedication and expertise, the doctor's office was able to resume operations in its cherished facility. CRC's compassionate approach and commitment to excellence not only saved the day for the practice owners, an elderly couple, but also inspired confidence and trust in the company's capabilities.

The restoration of this historic building stands as a testament to CRC's commitment to quality craftsmanship, effective problem-solving, and exemplary customer service. Despite facing adversity, CRC's team demonstrated resilience and ingenuity, delivering a restored building that exceeded all expectations and left a lasting impression on the community.

### About CRC

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