**CITY OF COLUMBUS**

**JOHN R. MALONEY FAMILY HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER**

The Maloney Family Health and Wellness Center is the result of a unique collaboration between The City of Columbus, Columbus Department of Health, the Columbus Neighborhood Health Center, and The Ohio State University to develop a new community medical clinic to serve the citizens of South Columbus. The 21,500 SF of CNHC/CPH/OSU building includes basic medical operations, a “Moms2Be” program, physical therapy facilities, administrative areas, meeting space, storage space and on-site parking.

The building is sited tight to the Parsons Avenue lot line to maintain an active and inviting presence in a blighted context plagued by vacancy and underutilization. A two-sided entrance spine serving the parking lot and Parsons Avenue provides an inviting, light filled entry and a passive security method. The spine also acts as an organizing element that connects program elements while providing the ability to secure them from one another during after-hours use. The building connects to and enlivens the surrounding urban context through the use of extensive vision glass that also invites natural light deep into the interior spaces. The design is accented by subtle detailing that helps define it as a community landmark: The facade of the building creates a continuous presence along Parsons Avenue that recalls the traditional development pattern of this commercial thoroughfare; a vertical element gives additional presence at an intersection; and a pattern of recessed bricks helps modulate the scale of the facades.  Spaces such as the teaching kitchen / classroom for expecting mothers, provide the public with state of the art equipment and training otherwise not available to them.