

JGMA PHILOSOPHY

JGMA profoundly believes that architecture has an innate ability to transform people and place. The focus of our work has been in Chicago's diverse communities where each of the typologies that we work on faces similar challenges of public architecture and its representational character. We proudly work in community areas that are unaccustomed to receiving architecture of quality; places where people feel forgotten; neighborhoods where neighbors feel like they are not cared for.

We believe that every design scenario is unique and that each project be approached with a solution tailored for that community. Through the amplification of culture, empowering of community members, and creating appropriate vibrancy, our design solutions aim to become beacons of the true dynamic nature of places. We intend to reflect and project the values and personalities embodied in those who will ultimately utilize these spaces daily.

JGMA always tests and researches ideas for the sake of making innovative, appropriate, and unique solutions for the betterment of people's lives. In our explorations, we find that unexpected and delightful surprises can come out of the amalgamation of rigorous research, creative investigations in form, space, and materiality, and keen observation. We pride ourselves on employing high design principles to empower and instill all communities with a democratic sense of dignity and pride.





JUAN GABRIEL MORENO ARCHITECTS

JGMA is a progressive architecture and design practice committed to inter-disciplinary collaboration, active community involvement and the enrichment of peoples' lives through attentive and dynamic organization of space and materiality.

FOUNDED

2010

OFFICES

**CHICAGO
ILLINOIS, USA**

GEOGRAPHICAL REACH

Licensed architects in the states of:

**ILLINOIS
CALIFORNIA
FLORIDA
INDIANA**

**KANSAS
MICHIGAN
PENNSYLVANIA
TEXAS**

FOUNDER + PRESIDENT

JUAN GABRIEL MORENO, AIA



Juan Gabriel Moreno is an award-winning architect and President of JGMA. Mr. Moreno founded JGMA with the notion that architecture can have a transformative effect on people and the places they live.

TEAM

36

INNOVATORS

We are innovators in the field of architecture, dedicated to formulating consistently unique solutions to every design opportunity.

CERTIFICATIONS

MBE State of Illinois CMS + Cook County
DBE Chicago Transit Authority + Illinois UCP
SDB U.S. Small Business Administration

WEBSITE

JGMA.COM

DESIGN SERVICES

**ARCHITECTURE
INTERIORS
FURNITURE
GRAPHICS
WAYFINDING
SUSTAINABILITY
MASTER PLANNING
AND MORE**

JGMA is a full service architecture studio and brings these services together, under one roof, with an incomparable design team.

OWNERSHIP & FIRM ORGANIZATION

JGMA is established as a Corporation (S - Corporation) and Juan Gabriel Moreno has 100% Ownership on the

AWARDS + RECOGNITION

**AMERICAN-ARCHITECTS.COM
2020 BUILDING OF THE YEAR,
ESPERANZA HEALTH CENTER**

**CRAIN'S BUSINESS
"ESPERANZA HEALTH CENTER:
5 BEST DESIGNS OF 2019"
"ARCHITECTS RESHAPING CHICAGO"
"12 COOLEST OFFICES OF 2019"**

**ARCHITECT MAGAZINE
TOP 50 IN DESIGN**

**THE ARCHITECTURE MASTERPRIZE
FIRM OF THE YEAR, INSTITUTIONAL**

**AIA DESIGN AWARDS
8 TIMES: 2017, 2015, 2012**

**ALA DESIGN AWARDS
11 TIMES: 2018, 2017, 2015, 2013, 2012**

**URBAN LAND INSTITUTE VISION AWARDS
2018, 2016**

**RICHARD H. DRIEHAUS DESIGN AWARDS
2020, 2018, 2016, 2015, 2013**

**CHICAGO BUILDING CONGRESS AWARDS
2019, 2018, 2015, 2014**

**MODERN LUXURY MAGAZINE
"BEST ARCHITECTURE FIRM"**

**ARCHITIZER INTERNATIONAL AWARD
POPULAR CHOICE WINNER**

**CURBED.COM GROUNDBREAKER
JUAN GABRIEL MORENO**





JGMA IS COMMITTED TO

CIVIC INVESTMENT

JGMA is devoted to serving the diverse neighborhoods which make Chicago an incomparable place to live, work, and visit. This objective emerged from the overwhelming realization that an inconceivable discrepancy exists in the allocation of resources given to education, social programs, and public space throughout the city. Many communities are deliberately neglected while others are selectively cultivated.

We believe that good design should not be exclusive to the affluent. More often than not, quality design can most benefit those whom can seldom afford it. We have made it our mission to support community-based not-for-profit organizations to develop spaces and programs which are vital to the development of our communities. Whether this takes the form of offering pro-bono services, identifying grants, developing capital campaigns, or simply connecting clients with decision-makers from the public and private sectors...we will always advocate for organizations which are positively impacting our city.



CHALLENGING PARADIGMS

At JGMA, we strive to challenge convention in architecture. The prevalence of apathy and indifference throughout our field are rendering our city monotonous and mundane. We pursue this goal by persistently cultivating our perception of what "architecture" is, and understanding that every project has the potential to foster new audiences and lifestyles. As designers, we reject the notion that designs can be reused or solutions can be predetermined. We work to challenge convention in search of innovative, effective, and progressive designs.

Our rigorous process of investigation and design exploration decidedly allows us to achieve results that transcend the repetitive and boilerplate solutions seen so frequently in our industry today. Our designs transform spaces, places, and conceptions.

