



Shirley leads a team of talented designers and staff that work to deliver distinctive designs for both residential and commercial projects. With a primary focus in Senior Care Communities, Shirley brings to the table more than two decades of experience. She has developed over \$150M in senior care communities since 1995.

While at Ad Astra Development, Shirley made a name for herself as a leader in unique award-winning residential interiors delivering distinctive community-based concepts in senior living.

She has been able to take that knowledge and apply it to a variety of interiors including businesses ranging from healthcare, golf course clubhouses, commercial and residential design. She has created a team that is scalable and knowledgeable to tackle large communities and individual residences.

EDUCATION

- MidAmerica Nazarene University
- Johnson County Community College
- USD 233, Olathe Public Schools
- 1997, Graduate Stevens Lutheran Ministry

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2019 - Current

Nolte & Associates, P.A. and
Allenbrand Interiors & Design

2006 - 2018

Allenbrand & Associates Design, LLC

Ad Astra Design, LLC

Ad Astra Development, LLC

1994 - 2006

CEO Sweet Life

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS

- Olathe Chamber of Commerce
- National Association of Planning Councils
- DeSoto Chamber of Commerce
- 100 Women In Giving Olathe School

AFFILIATIONS

- Shirley Fund for Cardiovascular Health, The University of Kansas Hospital

CURRENT APPOINTMENTS

- 2019, Olathe Planning Commission

NATIONAL AND STATE RECOGNITIONS

- 2013, Women Who Mean Business Award, *Kansas City Business Journal*
- 2006, Selected for Mayo Clinic's The National Coalition For "Women With Heart"

REPRESENTATIVE PROJECTS

Long-Term Health Care Communities

New Construction

- Brookdale Overland Park, Overland Park, Kansas
- The Village of St. Peters, St. Peters, Missouri
- The Villages and Suites of Jackson Creek, Independence, Missouri

Remodel

- Brookdale Wornall Place, Kansas City, Missouri
- The Villages of Lake Highlands, Dallas, Texas
- Brookdale Overland Park 119th, Overland Park, Kansas
- The Gardens at Creekside, Olathe, Kansas

Hospitality

- Rizzuto's Westport, Westport, Connecticut
- Rizzuto's West Hartford, West Hartford, Connecticut
- Rizzuto's Bethel, Bethel, Connecticut

Retirement Living

- Villas at Foxwood Springs, Raymore, Missouri
- The Gardens at Jackson Creek, Independence, Missouri
- Emerald Cottages of Kerrville, Kerrville, Texas
- Emerald Cottages of Stonebridge, McKinney, Texas
- Emerald Cottages of Waco, Waco, Texas

Multi-Family Affordable Housing

New Construction

- The Reserves at Maplewood Clubhouse, Wichita Falls, Texas
- The Reserves at South Plains Clubhouse, Lubbock, Texas

Additional Project Types

- Tax Credit & Affordable Housing
- Commercial
- Residential
- Corporate and Medical Offices
- Golf Course Clubhouses

MEMBERSHIPS, CONT.

- 2020, Kansas Sheriff's Association
- 1989, Olathe Rotary Club Member
One of the First Women to Join Membership
- 1987, Olathe Noon Optimist Club
One of the First Women to Join Membership
- Olathe Junior Service League
- Member of P.E.O.

APPOINTMENTS, CONT.

- 2020, Olathe School Foundation, Wimmer Fund
- 2019, Olathe Planning Commission
- 2009-2018, Friends of Cedar Crest Board, Kansas Governor Mark Parkinson Appointment
- Heart Funding Council, The University of Kansas
- Advancement Board, The University of Kansas Hospital
- 2010 Chaired, Girls Night In, The University of Kansas Medical Center
- TLC Board Member, 4 Years, Spearheaded Remodel of Home on 151st Street With Local High School Student Volunteer
- Board Member, JCPRD Theater In The Park
- 1989, City of Olathe Audit Committee, Appointed by Mayor Jim Green
- 1988, Division Chair, Olathe United Way

CIVIC LEADERSHIP

- Lenexa Planning Commission, Served on Lenexa Vision 2030, City Center
- 2001, President, Northeast Chamber of Commerce
- 2000, National and Local campaign to create "Memories In The Making" program for Alzheimer's and other Dementia Diseases that offer the non-verbal a way to communicate and capture precious memories with art.
- Worked with Kansas Legislature in writing the regulations on the Senate Bill 8 for Assisted Living
- 1995 - 2006, Instructor of Assisted Living for Kansas Department of Health & Environments and Kansas Health Care Association
- 1999, Leadership Northeast
- 2006 - 2011, Falcon Ridge Home Owners Association, Architectural Committee
- 1989, Leadership Olathe
- 1989, JCPRD Employee Award of Appreciation for Dedication and Outstanding Personal Service to Johnson County Parks and Recreation

- Political Training, Overland Park Chamber
- Celebrate Age, Johnson County Aging, Served with Trish Moore to Introduce Seniors To A Better Life
- 1988, Ambassador of the Year, Olathe Chamber of Commerce
- 1985, Chair, Olathe Chamber & Community Affairs Committee

NATIONAL AND STATE RECOGNITIONS, CONT.

- 2009, Hospitality Design Magazine featured article "Italian Job", April Issue. New restaurant in West Hartford Connecticut developed by Ad Astra and Bill Rizzuto.
- 1996, Rookie of the Year, Mission Chamber of Commerce
- 1998, Award of Merit, Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing
- Design Magazine for "Projects in Progress - The Sweet Life at Shawnee." The featured design was a structural concept of the assisted living center.
- Assisted Living Today featured the design for The Sweet Life at Mission Springs.
- Assisted Living Today featured the design for The Sweet Life at Rosehill for World Class Memory Care.
- Nursing Homes and Long Term-Care Magazine featured The Sweet Life for management & operations.
- Contemporary Long-Term Care Magazine featured The Sweet Life at Shawnee design concept that provided a "holistic approach to Alzheimer's Care - nurturing the patient and caregiver."
- Contemporary Long-Term Care Magazine presented the "Design Award for Skilled Nursing" featuring the Alzheimer's Challenge to The Sweet Life.
- Contemporary Long-Term Care Magazine presented an award for operations to The Sweet Life.
- 1988, Life-Time Member Award, Olathe Chamber of Commerce
- 1988, President, Ambassador Club, Olathe Chamber of Commerce - Original Board that started Heart to Heart Non-Profit.
- 1986, Volunteer of the Month, Olathe Chamber of Commerce

