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*Jones Gillam Renz
Architects*

What service/product do you provide?

We provide full architecture and design services for a range of project types including, but not limited to: multi-family housing, educational facilities, health care, industrial, civic, hospitality, and historic rehabilitation.

When did you start your business and why?

The firm was actually started in 1943 in Ellsworth, Kansas. In 1965, partners Russell Jones and Jack Gillam moved their firm to Salina and merged with Clayton Englehart, of Abilene. Over the years we've added several new business partners and principals, including Jeff Gillam (Jack's son), Charles Renz, Maggie Gillam (Jack's granddaughter) and Chris Gillam (Jack's grandson). We're excited to celebrate 80 years of service in 2023 and we look forward to continuing to grow our business and our legacy within the community.

Anything else you would like the community to know?

We have recently gone through a brand update and a website revamp. Our new refreshed logo features our identifiable 'JGR' in a vibrant red color, with a unique focus on the 'G' creating a negative space within the center. The website features some new imagery of some of our favorite and most recognizable projects throughout Salina and the Central U.S. We are excited to launch the new marketing for the company and hope it will propel us forward as we continue to strive for success.



What is something that no one knows about you?

The team at JGR has designed over 30,000 projects, not just located in the state of Kansas, but all across the Central U.S. Our architects are licensed in 12 states (Kansas, Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Texas, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho, Utah, Arizona and California). Our portfolio is very diverse: we have designed projects in large metro areas such as Dallas, Denver and Kansas City, and we have also designed projects in small communities with populations of 5,000 or less. Project sizes have ranged from small-scale remodels to upwards of 50 million dollars in new construction.

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Tell us a memorable experience that you have had in your business:

In 2017, we achieved a major milestone, as we opened our first satellite office in Kansas City, Missouri. Located in the heart of the Crossroads District, the office is led by principal Chris Gillam. Our team has grown since we opened the KC office, and we've been fortunate to be able to add new team members to both the KC and the Salina location.

Why is being a Salina Area Chamber of Commerce member important?

We have greatly enjoyed being a part of the Salina community for over 50 years. We pride ourselves on being invested in seeing Salina succeed and continue to be a great place to live and work. No matter what projects we have happening in other places and other states, our favorite projects are those that happen right here in our own backyard. Our fellow Salina business owners and community members have always been wonderful to work with, and being able to visually see and experience the impact our work has on the community is something that is unparalleled.



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