



The Marsh Foundation—a campus of buildings, dormitories and farm land dedicated to

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helping children in need—was started in the early 1920's in Van Wert, Ohio. By the 1990's the structures were all in need of replacement windows. More than 1,500 units would provide energy savings throughout the year.



(Top) Simonton replacement windows adorn the landmark entryway of the Administration Building at Marsh Foundation. (Above) The historical Marsh Homestead is used as a museum depicting life in the 1920's. (Below) Honey oak woodgrain interiors on the Simonton replacement windows throughout the campus brighten rooms and complement interior oak millwork.

During its early years, The Marsh Foundation served as an orphanage for hundreds of homeless children. As times and needs changed, the non-profit facility turned its attention to family services, clinical counseling and foster care for children and their families.

Throughout the years and thousands of residents, The Marsh Foundation buildings stood as proud testaments to the work of the foundation. Then, in 1996, the decision was made to replace the drafty windows on all the on-campus buildings, including the main administration building and several staff houses.

Through dedicated research, the trustees at The Marsh Foundation determined that Simonton windows offered the solution to their

problem. "We wanted top-quality, energy-efficient windows that would complement the

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style of our buildings while being extremely easy to maintain," says Jeff Grothouse, executive secretary/treasurer of The Marsh Foundation. "The Simonton products fit all our needs perfectly. The local distributor, B&T Distributors, was great to work with. They put us in touch with Rager Home Improvement, Inc. and this company trained our maintenance crew on how to install the windows. The service level was exceptional and we worked together with both companies over the course of several years to complete this project."

Replacing the old, wooden windows in buildings throughout the campus was scheduled as a



"Children trust us to help them through difficult times. We placed that same level of trust in Simonton Windows to help us create a comfortable environment for those children."

Jeff Grothouse
The Marsh Foundation



staggered effort over more than seven years.

The new Simonton windows, in various shapes and sizes, include double-strength Low E glass packages, the Super Spacer® system and a double-stepped sill.

“We were initially concerned about trying to marry together our 1920’s architectural styles with advanced vinyl window products,” says Grothouse. “That concern disappeared when we saw the options Simonton has to offer. Most of the windows in the project have honey oak interiors that beautifully replicate wood. We even used shiny brass colonial grids in most windows. Between the technologies and low-maintenance aspects involved in these windows, we came up with a winning combination that should serve The Marsh Foundation extremely well for years to come.”



(Above) Clymer Hall, set up for apartment style living, helps foster independent living skills and community relationships for its residents. (Left) The Marsh Foundation Administration building serves as the gathering spot on campus for residents and staff. A gymnasium, game rooms and meeting areas are located in the spacious home for teenage boys, Vance Hall gains massive amounts of sunlight through 160 energy-efficient Simonton windows.

John Rager (left) of Rager Home Improvements stands with Gregg Dicus (right) of B&T Distributors outside the Administration Building at The Marsh Foundation after more than 500 windows were replaced in 2003.



“This was a long-term, tag-team effort that has been very successful,” says John Rager of Rager

PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS

Home Improvements, Inc. “We worked closely with the team at B&T Distributors for several years on all aspects of The Marsh Foundation replacement window project to get every detail correct. When I did the presentation to the foundation directors in 1996 it was for 160

windows for Vance Hall. Since that time we’ve measured every window opening, custom

ordered the windows and worked side-by-side with the foundation’s maintenance team to assure every window was properly installed. I’m very honored that The Marsh Foundation chose us and Simonton Windows® to provide the quality product this beautiful campus deserves.”

SIMONTON PRODUCTS USED FOR THIS PROJECT

Window Styles

Double Hung

Hundreds of windows, ranging in sizes from 16-1/4" x 30" to 101-1/2" x 59-1/2" mullied triple units

Casement

3 - 57-1/2" x 32-1/2"
3 - 57-1/2" x 38"

Picture

1 - 32-1/2" x 51"
1 - 32-1/2" x 52"
2 - 33-1/4" x 51"
2 - 33-1/2" x 51-1/4"
1 - 33-1/2" x 51-1/2"

Picture Combination

1 - 127" x 54"

Slider

11 - 34-1/2" x 17"

Deadlites

Hundreds of windows, ranging in sizes from 9-1/2" x 38" to 36-1/4" x 20-1/2"

Product Options

Woodgrain interiors on majority of windows with white exteriors
White exteriors/white interiors on some windows
Colonial Polished Brass Grids
Double-insulated Low E Glass package with Argon gas
Half Screen Aluminum Extruded Screen Mould
One-inch I.G. unit thickness
Super Spacer® system

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