

CASE STUDY

Uptown United 1,450 Sq/Ft

LOCATION

Chicago, IL

SPACE TYPE

Non-profit Organization

REWORK TEAM

Kevin Fleming

PARTNERS

SmithGroup - Designer

Lo Destro Construction Company -
General Contractor

MANUFACTURERS

Kimball, Compel, National,
Zenbooth, Steelcase, Watson

HIGHLIGHTS

- Full design services
- Space planning and layout
- Installation and delivery



THE SCOPE

Rework was approached by our partner, SmithGroup, about a full design opportunity with a non-profit organization. We were an ideal fit for this project due to our commitment to the non-profit community. Our ability to work with a wide variety of clients, budgets and project scopes is what ultimately set us up for success with this client.

THE PROCESS

We were excited to take on an opportunity with Uptown United, a Chicago based non-profit organization, as these groups hold a special place in our heart. Because our client bought the space rather than leasing, we knew we had to design something that would stand the test of time. Working with a tighter budget, we spent substantial time upfront thinking outside the box to design a space with a unique aesthetic and quality finishes that wouldn't break the bank.



Wasting no time, we quickly got to work with space planning and mapping out a plan for finishes. Our goal was to design something that exuded a high-end aesthetic on a conservative budget. Hosting multiple design sessions alongside our client, we were able to guide them on which items could be secured from preowned inventory versus brand new. Our team of tenured designers are accustomed to this balancing act and were up for the challenge.

We began by scouring the vast inventory of high-quality, pre-owned furniture for the basics in our Chicago-based warehouse. A selection of height-adjustable workstations, seating and monitor arms were refurbished to "like new" condition and fit perfectly within the space. Using a "high / low" approach gave our client the ability to save a considerable amount of budget for larger ticket wish list items.

Ultimately, clever value engineering is what enabled Uptown United to include a variety of brand new items in their new space including a Kimball Media Cart, a dual phone booth for small meetings and video conference calls, a community table with power, new training tables and coordinating seating. Knowing what to save and splurge on is half the battle when designing a space, and it's this thoughtful perspective that ensures Rework's finished product is one our clients can be proud of.

Rework brings a unique approach to office design with the ability to balance both new and quality pre-owned pieces. This unique combination not only helps adhere to budget, but it also results in a truly custom aesthetic. An added bonus is that our lead times are some of the most competitive in the industry. In the end - and with some very careful, creative planning - this client was able to get the office space of their dreams and we couldn't be happier for them!

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