A desert oasis typically occurs around a spring or other water source, representing that in my building is a fountain. It is located directly in the center of the building in the gathering room. Above the gathering room, the vegetated roof stands up and outward, symbolizing the growth of vegetation around the water source. The roof also collects storm water which is stored in tanks to be used later.

The exterior of the building is a representation of the second definition of oasis, something that provides shelter. This is exactly what this place is to those women. A bridge from the streets to represent this. The exterior of the building is designed to make them feel safe. The stone gives the building a feeling of permanence and safety. The steel around that envelops the building makes it seem protected from the outside world and provides shade from the summer sun.