

Temple University Department of Orthodontics completes renovation

On January 15, 2010, the Temple University Kornberg School of Dentistry - Department of Orthodontics held a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the newly completed rehabilitation of its facilities. The department and alumni volunteers conducted a multi-year Capital Campaign to raise the \$3 million needed to complete the renovation and reconstruction of the space, based on a design by Agnes Kan of CIVITAS Architects.

The entire space was gutted-out and rebuilt with installation of advanced technology in the clinic, offices and seminar rooms. Both the teaching and clinical care programs now utilize fully image-guided systems.

The clinical facility has been named in honor of the Podary family. Dr. George Podary was a 1984 graduate of the program. "Agnes Kan's inspiration was to bring the neighborhood kids into this striking space, treat them like princes and princesses and inspire each child to become a professional - perhaps an orthodontist," - said Dr. Orhan C. Tuncay, professor and chairman of the program. "We now have a new category of visitor: Other architects taking notes and pictures.

"Sadly our founding fathers - Dr. Bob Hedges, Gene Coben and Alan Brader did not live to see and experience the new space," added Dr. Tuncay." But in many ways, it was their spirit that



Drs. Robert J. Bray and Richard H. Albright are pictured at the ribbon-cutting for the renovated facility.

guided the project. We owe much of our success to them. We are very grateful for the work on the fund-raising campaign by Drs. (Richard H.) Albright, (Robert James) Bray and (Joseph M.) Viechnicki, and for the support of the many named and anonymous doctors who contributed to the campaign."



The newly designed facility has a spacious treatment area.