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W. Stephen Saunders Named Jane Addams Hull House Association's Chairman of the Board of Trustees

Chicago, IL—June 15, 2010. Eckenhoff Saunders Architects (ESA) is pleased to announce that co-founder W. Stephen Saunders, AIA, was recently named Chairman of the Jane Addams Hull House Association Board of Trustees.

In addition to his architectural practice, Saunders's professional affiliations include leadership roles with the Chicago chapter of the American Institute of Architects. Along with serving previously as board president, he founded the chapter's Professional Development Conference.

Saunders remains active with his alma mater, Washington University, where he serves on the Chicago Cabinet Executive Committee, and the School of Architecture's National Council. Locally, the River Forest architect has served on the University of Illinois at Chicago Advisory Board, as well as the Oak Park-River Forest High School Advisory Committee.

Saunders' past civic contributions include eight years on the River Forest Plan Commission, as well as serving as chairman of the Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Chicago's "Golf Around Chicago" event.

Jane Addams Hull House Association assists approximately 60,000 people from economically, culturally, and geographically diverse backgrounds each year. Offering more than 50 programs at over 40 sites throughout metropolitan Chicago, the agency serves a clientele of infants to seniors, providing child care, domestic violence counseling and prevention, economic development, family services, job training, literacy training, senior services, foster care, independent living, and housing assistance.



As chairman of the Jane Addams Hull House Association, Saunders will continue to champion its mission to improve social conditions for underserved people and communities by providing creative programs and advocating for public policy reforms. For the past two years, he has been an active Hull House Association board member, serving on its Programs and Steering Committee, as well as its Real Estate Advisory Council.

This September, the association will celebrate Jane Addams' 150th birthday. A number of commemorative events are being planned to honor Addams' contributions to Chicago, as well as to social activism.

To make a tax-deductible donation, or to learn more about the Jane Addams Hull House Association, please visit www.hullhouse.org.

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