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## **AIA Minnesota Recognizes Louis Lundgren Award Recipient**

*Minneapolis, Minnesota* - - Keith Sjoquist, AIA, is the 2006 recipient of the Louis Lundgren Award. This award recognizes individuals for their dedication to the profession of architecture through their volunteer activities in our communities and in AIA nationally and locally. The AIA Minnesota Awards Committee, as the jury for this award, viewed the impact of Sjoquist's volunteerism and career to be exemplary to the architectural profession.

Keith is the founder of Sjoquist Architects and has been practicing for more than thirty-five years. However, volunteerism has played an important role in his life outside of his career. Keith has served on the City of Minneapolis Empowerment Zone Governance Board, the South East Economic Development Committee, the Hennepin Avenue Design Task Force, Southeast Business Association, Stadium Village Commercial Association, Minnesota Business For Health Care Market Reform, University of Minnesota YMCA, National Federation of Independent Businesses, and the City of Lake's Rotary Club. Through all of these different organizations and activities, Keith generously gave his time to improve his community.

"During the 30 years I have known Keith Sjoquist, he has been a leader and volunteer. His community involvement in organizations, such as Rotary, and his pro bono work has set an example for architects. His Rotary international efforts have assisted children and emerging communities", said juror Edward Kodet, "Keith is the finest example of how architects, in using their talents, can make a difference". Through his Rotary Club membership, Keith served two years as the Chair of International Service Committee and has led groups to Guatemala to help build schools. He is also active in community service projects, such as leaf raking and Brush With Kindness, a house painting service. Keith has also traveled to Haiti to help set up well systems, as well as being very involved in his church's building committee.

Keith Sjoquist will be presented with his award on Friday, December 1st at the AIA Minnesota Awards Celebration at the Metropolitan Ballroom in Minneapolis.

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