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Non-Profit Organizations to Receive  
FREE Design Assistance at  
**Search For Shelter Design  
Charrette - 30<sup>th</sup> Year**  
February 19-21, 2016



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MINNEAPOLIS, MN – AIA Minnesota’s Housing Advocacy Committee, which focuses on issues of affordable housing in Minnesota, will host the **Search for Shelter Design Charrette** this February 19-21, at Rapson Hall, College of Design, University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Watch for Search for Shelter video at <http://www.aia-mn.org/search-shelter-charrette/>

Nearly 60 volunteer architects, landscape architects, interior designers, and students, will spend the weekend creating pro bono, design solutions for up to ten projects submitted by Minnesota non-profit organizations that focus on issues of affordable housing and/or homelessness.

Design volunteers work in teams to create viable, graphic solutions and plans, to serve as visual tools for Minnesota agencies to use to: 1) obtain further project funding, 2) promote their organization, and 3) serve as preliminary development/building plans. The agencies that will receive assistance include:

- Alliance Housing Inc.
- Aurora St. Anthony Neighborhood Development Corporation (ASANDC)
- Catholic Charities
- City of Princeton Economic Development Authority
- Corcoran Neighborhood Organization
- Mora Housing Redevelopment Authority
- Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity
- White Earth Enterprises, LLC

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**Search for Shelter Schedule:**

The opening-program kicks-off on Friday, February 19, at 6:00pm with a celebration to honor 30 years of service.

The program concludes at noon on Sunday, February 21, when teams present design solutions to the non-profit agencies and agencies are able to ask questions about the pro bono designs.

**Media and public are welcome to attend the opening program on Friday at 6:00 pm and closing presentations at Noon on Sunday. Media may observe teams on Saturday with pre-approval.**

Media should email Mary Larkin at [larkin@aia-mn.org](mailto:larkin@aia-mn.org) to attend. Learn more about the Charrette at [bit.ly/aiamnsfs](http://bit.ly/aiamnsfs)

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