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HEALTH FACILITIES POWER DUO WINS HASTINGS AWARD FROM AIA MICHIGAN

May 30, 2014- Detroit, Michigan- The American Institute of Architects Michigan has selected C. Richard Hall, FAIA and Robert Sharrow, AIA for its prestigious Hastings Award. They will be honored at the annual Celebration of Architecture on June 5 at the Woodward Garden Theater in Detroit.

The Hastings Award was established in 1978 to recognize a specific outstanding contribution to the architectural profession. Robert Hastings, FAIA, was a Detroit architect who rose through the local, state, and national components of the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and became National President in 1970. AIA Michigan created the Award in 1978 in his honor.

Rick Hall, FAIA, FACHA, LEED GA, EDAC, has led the Healthcare Studio at Harley Ellis Devereaux for the past 20 years, with major projects throughout the Midwest. As a Studio Leader, Hall helped the firm once again make it into the Top 50 of Building Design + Construction's Top Healthcare Sector Architecture Firms in the 2014 Giants 300 Report .

Hall has been involved in the promotion and advancement of Healthcare Architecture both nationally, as a charter member of and a Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Architects, and statewide as a committee member for the last decade for the AIA Michigan Health Facilities Planning Seminar. In its 48th year, it is the largest such gathering in the country, bringing together architects, contractors, and healthcare facilities groups. Hall is a fellow, and one of few architects accredited, of the AIA American College of Healthcare Architects (FACHA).

Rick received his Master's degree from the University of Michigan and his Bachelor's degree from Lawrence Technological University, where he has been an adjunct faculty member for over thirty years.

Robert Sharrow, AIA, ACHA, EDAC earned a master's degree in Architecture from the University of Michigan and has dedicated his career to humanizing health care environments throughout the USA and abroad. He is NCARB certified and has been a registered architect in Michigan since 1979. Robb is one of approximately 250 architects nationwide accredited by the AIA American College of Healthcare Architects (ACHA), and one of the first with founding member status.

Robb joined Albert Kahn Associates, Inc. in 1980, and is currently employed as Senior Vice President and Principal for health care design projects at the Detroit, Michigan office. There, Robb has led the design of numerous patient-centered hospitals. As Principal-in-Charge, Robb has led major health facility projects.

As an evidenced-based design professional, Robb is EDAC certified, and interested in researching design interventions that improve medical outcomes. He assisted Elmhurst Memorial Hospital in researching data that demonstrates the effectiveness of the design for their new Planetree replacement hospital. Robb is coauthor for the facility design chapter in Putting Patients First - Second Edition published by Planetree in 2009. He is Vice Chairman and one of eight founders for the Planetree Visionary Design Network (PVDN), and led Albert Kahn Associates to be one of five founding firms certified by PVDN.

An active speaker addressing patient-centered health facility design, Robb has made numerous presentations nationally and internationally since 1998. He has represented AIA Michigan since 2000 as a member of the planning committee for the highly successful Annual Michigan Healthcare Facility Design Conference. He also actively mentors intern architects interested in health care design.

Robb has been married to his high school sweetheart, Pam, for more than 40 years, and is the proud father of four children and grandfather to six young grandchildren. He has served Fort Street Presbyterian Church as an elder and treasurer for many years.

The American Institute of Architects Michigan, headquartered in the historic Beaubien House across from the Renaissance Center in downtown Detroit, established its awards program to bring to public attention the value and importance of architectural excellence and to recognize those whose notable achievements encourage all to make excellence in architecture the standard. Visit www.aiami.com or call 313.965.4100 to learn more.

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