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**Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility Announce
2009 Lewis Mumford Award Winners**

**Growing Home, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization, and
Fuller Park Community Development to Be Honored for Outstanding Work
in Social Responsibility**

**Awards Program—Saturday June 13th, 2009, 6:00 PM
Archeworks Studio, Chicago**

(Chicago, IL, May 19th, 2009) – Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR), a non-profit organization of design professionals committed to peace, environmental protection, ecological building, social justice, and community development announced today the recipients of the 2009 Lewis Mumford Awards. Growing Home, a job training and organic gardening non-profit, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization, a non-profit citizen action group, and Fuller Park Community Development, a non-profit community development association were awarded the Mumford for their outstanding contributions to world peace, environmental preservation, and socially responsible development, respectively.

A reception and party to honor the three winners will take place on Saturday, June 13th from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at Archeworks, 625 North Kingsbury St. (at Ontario), Chicago, IL, 60654 <www.archeworks.org>. The event is free and open to the public. Students are encouraged to attend.

In 1992, ADPSR instituted the annual Lewis Mumford Awards to honor people and organizations that exemplify ADPSR's goals of peace, preservation of the natural and built environment, and socially responsible development. The awards were named after Lewis Mumford (1895-1990) an American historian of technology and science, noted for his study of cities and urban architecture. "Lewis Mumford's writings continue to inspire and remind us that architecture, design, and planning must respond to human needs, harmonize with its surroundings, and reflect the aspirations and social context of our civilization," says Lynne Elizabeth, President of ADPSR.

Growing Home was named for the 2009 Mumford Award for outstanding efforts in Peace. Their organization promotes and uses organic agriculture as a vehicle for job training, employment and community development. They focus on transitional employment (pro-active re-incorporation into the workforce for individuals who may be/have been homeless, previously incarcerated, or have substance abuse issues), green jobs for underrepresented communities, stimulating local economies and advocacy for local food systems. Growing Home has an urban garden facility, a market garden, a rural farm 75 miles south of Chicago, and they run a CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) program. www.growinghomeinc.org

The 2009 Mumford Award for Environment is awarded to the **Little Village Environmental Justice Organization**. In 1994, community members in the largely Hispanic neighborhoods of Little Village and Pilsen, banded together to move an elementary school to a safer environmental location. Little Village has since expanded to projects covering much of the Chicago metropolitan area. Some of their projects include teaching residents how to effectively weatherize their houses, campaigning for open space, youth programs and other environmental advocacy. Find out more about Little Village on their website – www.lvejo.org

For excellent work in the area of Community Development, the 2009 Lewis Mumford Award is given to **Fuller Park Community Development**. Fuller Park operates a Housing Resource Center that creates and manages affordable housing, provides technical assistance to area residents and intervenes in predatory land practices. They run the Southpoint Academy, which trains people in property maintenance techniques, and they also maintain a food pantry. Fuller Park created the Eden Place Nature Center, a public park center, from abandoned lots. www.fullerpark.com

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Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR) was established in 1981 as a 501(c) 3 public-benefit organization to work for peace, environmental protection, ecological building, social justice, and the development of healthy communities. ADPSR programs aim to raise professional and public awareness of critical social and environmental issues; further responsive design and planning; and honor persons and organizations whose work exemplifies social responsibility.

Nationally, ADPSR is currently engaged in four primary initiatives: 1) a Prison Alternatives Campaign, 2) annual Lewis Mumford Awards program, 3) New Village Press, and 4) Mobilize Design. ADPSR participates as an NGO in the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (HABITAT). There are presently three ADPSR chapters in the U.S.: New York, Chicago, and Northern California. ARCPeace is ADPSR's international affiliate. More information can be found at: www.adpsr.org