

Architecture for Humanity Minnesota Mission Statement

Architecture for Humanity - International is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization founded in 1999 to promote architectural and design solutions to global, social and humanitarian crises. The Architecture for Humanity Minnesota Chapter (AFH MN) was founded in January 2005, prompted by a desire to help those affected by the South Asian Tsunami.

We are architects, landscape architects, contractors, and designers who volunteer our time to something we are all passionate about: working with both local and international groups to help their communities with design solutions. It is each group's knowledge and commitment to their community that makes each project successful. AFH MN serves as their resource along the way. Our philosophy for all of our projects: We design for people, with pride, not pity.

AFH MN's commitment to our clients is grounded in the following design tenants:
Let it be local: Design is informed by what is intrinsically bound to a culture. We respond to that, respect it, and draw upon it.

Let it be sustainable: We design for the health of humanity. Sustainability is about creating a balance between what we build and what is naturally meant to be, and ensuring a project's longevity and financial integrity.

Let it be appropriate: The components of a design are made compelling by their ability to respond to a community's needs both technically and emotionally.

Let it be collaborative: Successful projects come from the informational input from all parties involved through the dedication of passionate people.

Next meeting will be Monday March 3 at 6:30 PM

New Meet Location: This month we are visiting the offices of Lift Kids
www.liftkids.org
Lift Kids Global Meeting Place
1302 2nd ST. NE
Minneapolis MN 55413

Our agenda will include:

Tour of Lift Kids offices and introduction to their work
Potential new project: "Housing on the Res" Pine Ridge Reservation
Charrette Planning for the Livingstone School in Tanzania

Reports on:

Ethiopian school project
Search for Shelter, Homeless Day Storage
Lao Community Center

You are welcome to attend and learn more about the Minnesota Chapter of Architecture for Humanity!