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CHARLES L. SCHRECKENBERGER, FAIA



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CHARLES “CHAS” SCHRECKENBERGER, FAIA

Charles “Chas” Schreckenberger, FAIA, is a respected architect and leader known for his impact across the profession, his firm, and the communities he serves. TThe former President of AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm, Braun & Steidl Architects, and now Vice President of Architecture at PRIME AE Group, Inc., Chas has built a career defined by design excellence and professional service. While his leadership has advanced innovation, sustainability, and organizational growth, his influence extends well beyond practice. Through decades of service within AIA at the local, state, regional, and national levels, he has shaped policy, strengthened the profession, and invested in future leaders. His dedication to community service and historic preservation demonstrates that great design is about more than buildings—it’s about strengthening communities and improving lives.



Chas has served in leadership roles throughout AIA, from the local and state levels to the regional and national stage. Early in his career, he founded the AIA Akron Chapter Young Architects Forum, revitalizing engagement among emerging professionals. As a local and state leader, he strengthened financial stability, expanded programming, and advanced construction reform efforts that introduced more innovative project delivery models for public projects in Ohio.

At the national level, Chas served on the AIA Board during a critical period, contributing to organizational strategy, risk management, and governance improvements. His work expanded member resources, strengthened collaboration across Knowledge Communities and allied groups, and enhanced overall value to the profession. Following his board service, he revitalized the Construction Contract Administration Knowledge Community through webinars, workshops, and publications, increasing both its reach and relevance.

As a firm leader, Chas served as Principal, President, and Managing Partner, guiding significant growth across multiple practice areas. He championed innovation in sustainable design, including the development of a LEED-certifiable hotel prototype that simplified certification and advanced sustainability within the hospitality sector. He also led the development of transformative, evidence-based housing solutions for individuals with memory loss, creating environments that improve quality of life while earning national recognition for design excellence.

Chas played a key role in the successful merger of his firm with PRIME AE, where he now serves as Vice President of Architecture, expanding opportunities for clients and staff.

His leadership extends beyond the profession through active involvement in local government, nonprofit, and civic organizations. He has led initiatives supporting workforce development, education, and historic preservation, including major restoration efforts at the historic properties of Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens and the John Brown House, and many other significant historic buildings. These efforts have strengthened community assets while preserving important cultural heritage.

In recognition of his impact, Chas was awarded the AIA Ohio Public Service Award.

Chas’ career reflects a strong commitment to leadership, innovation, and service, advancing both the profession and the communities he serves.

1.0 LETTERS OF **NOMINATION**

RENARD, LLC

May 22, 2026
Dear AIA Ohio Gold Medal Jury

Charles L. Schreckenberger, FAIA is a gift to the architectural profession. He enhances leadership within the American Institute of Architects, utilizes his firm to extend the values of the profession, and dedicates himself to demonstrating how architects can be leaders in society.

It is with tremendous enthusiasm that I nominate Chas for the AIA Ohio Gold Medal. I have been a cheerleader for Chas since we first met in 1984. He has always been an architect that incorporates knowledge, sharing, and integrity in everything he accomplishes, with the aim of raising the profile and competency of architects. His efforts have been vital to the Institute, firm practice and society. The impact of Chas' efforts cannot be fully summarized, butinclude:

Impact on the AIA:
- Implementing financial stability at local, state and national levels.
- Encouraging and assisting emerging professionals and students.
- Envisioning and implementing creative programs that meet specific professional needs.
- Stepping up to lead at very critical times in the lives of components.
- Increasing the professional abilities of architects across the country through sharing of his knowledge and experiences.

Impact on practice:
- Demanding quality design from his firm. Numerous AIA design awards are evidence.
- Pressing the technology to provide improved products for clients and processes for architects.
- Achieving sustainable and resilient designs including methodologies affecting entire market segments.
- Development of a system for designing facilities that serve as integral treatment for dementia.
- Establishing a legacy of firm members providing leadership in the Institute and its components resulting in the AIA Ohio Firm Gold Medal.

Impact on society:
- Over 45 years of pursuing societal leadership roles resulting in profound impact on how architects are perceived and valued in communities.
- Specific accomplishments through personal leadership of service to not-for-profit agencies, including Goodwill, Hearing Impaired Children, Boy Scouts, Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, Summit County Historical Society, City of Green Historic Preservation Commission, all of which resulted in receipt of the AIA Ohio Service Award.
- Recognized in Crain's Cleveland Business Magazine as one of the Notable Leaders in Architecture, Engineering & Construction.
- Visible societal leadership that exhibits the unique combination of skills and judgement that architects possess demonstrating their value beyond their professional design expertise.
- Demonstrations of integrity in the context of business and institutional leadership.

Chas over the past 45 years, has advanced the profession through a combination of vision, action, sharing, and tangible results. All his leadership positions have been taken on with dedication, compassion and integrity, without self-aggrandizement. They have all concluded with beneficial results. I cannot praise his efforts and accomplishments enough nor clearly express the heartfelt recommendation I wish to convey. Please give your utmost consideration to awarding the AIA Ohio Gold Medal to Charles L. Schreckenberger, FAIA.

Respectfully submitted,

Douglas L Steidl, FAIA
Founding Principal, Braun & Steidl Architects, Inc.
2005 President, The American Institute of Architects
2009 President, The National Architectural Accrediting Board
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AIA Akron

AIA Ohio
Attn: AIA Ohio Awards Committee
400 W. Wilson Bridge Road, Ste 120
Worthington, OH 43085

June 16, 2026

Dear Awards Committee,

On behalf of AIA Akron, it is my distinct privilege to nominate Charles L. Schreckenberger, FAIA for the AIA Ohio Gold Medal, the highest honor bestowed by AIA Ohio in recognition of a lifetime of distinguished service and enduring impact on the profession of architecture. Chas' career reflects the essence of this award through sustained excellence in practice, transformative leadership, and a deep commitment to advancing the profession and the communities we serve.

Over the course of his career, Chas has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to elevating the role of the architect. His work is marked by a thoughtful and disciplined approach to design that balances innovation, technical rigor, and contextual sensitivity. Through a diverse body of work, he has contributed to the built environment in meaningful and enduring ways, creating spaces that serve their users while enriching the communities in which they are embedded.

Chas' influence extends well beyond his projects. As a leader, he has played a pivotal role in shaping the culture of practice, emphasizing collaboration, integrity, and accountability. His ability to guide complex teams and navigate challenging project demands has earned him the respect of colleagues, clients, and partners alike. Just as importantly, he has invested deeply in the future of the profession through mentorship and opportunity to emerging professionals who continue to benefit from his example.

His service to the American Institute of Architects and the broader professional community further distinguishes his career. Chas has consistently contributed his time and expertise to initiatives that strengthen the profession, address evolving challenges, and advocate for the value of architecture in society. His leadership within AIA and related organizations has helped advance key priorities while reinforcing a shared commitment to design excellence and professional responsibility.

His career embodies sustained leadership, meaningful mentorship, and a consistent dedication to design quality and technical excellence. Through his work, service, and character, he has made a lasting contribution not only to architecture, but to the many individuals and communities touched by his efforts.

It is without reservation that AIA Akron offers its endorsement of Charles L. Schreckenberger, FAIA for the AIA Ohio Gold Medal. His career represents a model of excellence and service that reflects the highest ideals of our profession, and he is deserving of this recognition.

Sincerely,

Bernard Lappe, AIA
2026 AIA Akron President
Director of Architecture, CESO, Inc.

Matt Glassner, AIA
2026 AIA Akron Incoming President
Associate, Hasenstab Architecture

2.0 SUMMARY OF **SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS**

LEADERSHIP

AIA LEADERSHIP THROUGH SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

OHIO AND NATIONWIDE

From local chapters to the national organization, Chas has played an integral role in strengthening the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and advancing the architectural profession. His contributions have strengthened the Institute's financial stability, governance, advocacy efforts, member engagement, and leadership development while creating lasting benefits for architects across the state of Ohio, the Ohio Valley Region, and the nation.

Early in his career, Chas founded the Young Architects Forum within AIA Akron, creating opportunities for emerging professionals to engage with the profession and their communities. As Program Chair and later President, he revitalized chapter programming, expanded continuing education opportunities, improved member communications, and led strategic planning initiatives that increased membership and strengthened engagement. Most notably, he transformed a financially challenged chapter into a stable organization by establishing a long-term reserve approach that secured its future while advancing legislative strategies related to construction reform, sustainability, historic preservation incentives, and professional practice.

At the state level, Chas served more than a decade on the AIA Ohio Board, including terms as Treasurer and President. He led the development of an investment policy that significantly strengthened the organization's financial position and remains in place today. He also championed support for the AIA Ohio Foundation, helping expand scholarship opportunities for architecture students across the state. A dedicated advocate for the profession, he played a key role in advancing legislative initiatives related to construction delivery reform.

As Ohio Valley Regional Director on the AIA National Board, Chas served during a pivotal period marked by economic uncertainty and organizational transition. He contributed to efforts focused on financial stewardship, governance modernization, risk management, and member value. His work helped expand insurance options available through the AIA Trust, strengthen relationships with allied organizations, and support governance reforms that included modernization of board representation and the creation of the International Region.

Following his national board service, Chas revitalized the Construction Contract Administration Knowledge Community as its chair, transforming it into a more active and valuable resource through webinars, workshops, white papers, and expanded member engagement.

Beyond his personal service, Chas has built a lasting culture of professional involvement within his firm. Through mentorship and encouragement, he has inspired colleagues to pursue leadership roles throughout the AIA, resulting in an extraordinary legacy that includes a National President, National Vice Presidents, a National Treasurer, Regional Directors, State Presidents, Foundation Board Members, and numerous local chapter leaders.

Through over four decades of service, Chas has consistently strengthened the AIA's ability to serve its members, advocate for the profession, and develop future leaders. His leadership has left a lasting impact on the Institute and the architectural profession at every level.

Chas' leadership within the AIA reflects a lifelong commitment to advancing the profession, strengthening professional communities, and creating opportunities for future generations of architects.



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HELENE COMBS DREILING, FAIA
SECRETARY

AIA Ohio
A Society of the American Institute of Architects

Presented to

Chas Schreckenberger, AIA

In grateful appreciation of your outstanding service, leadership and dedication to the profession of Architecture.

September 28, 2007



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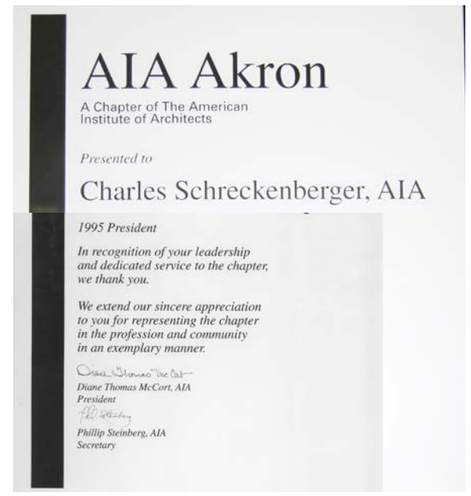
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June 2013
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AIA Akron

A Chapter of The American Institute of Architects

Presented to

Charles Schreckenberger, AIA

1995 President

In recognition of your leadership and dedicated service to the chapter, we thank you.

We extend our sincere appreciation to you for representing the chapter in the profession and community in an exemplary manner.

Diane Thomas McCort, AIA
President

Phillip Steinberg, AIA
Secretary

2.0 SUMMARY OF **SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS**

LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP THROUGH SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

OHIO AND NATIONWIDE

Chas has long believed that architects have a responsibility not only to shape the built environment, but also to strengthen the communities they serve. Throughout his career, he has demonstrated that architectural leadership extends far beyond professional practice through decades of service to civic, educational, cultural, preservation, and nonprofit organizations. His commitment reflects a belief that the leadership and the problem-solving abilities of architects can be powerful tools for improving lives and creating lasting public benefit.

His dedication to service is reflected in leadership roles with numerous nonprofit organizations throughout Northeast Ohio. As President of the Akron Council for Hearing Impaired Children, Chas led a transformative initiative to place computers in every K-12 hearing-impaired classroom within Akron Public Schools, expanding educational opportunities at a time when classroom technology was still uncommon. He also organized fundraising campaigns, volunteer efforts, and family-centered programs that enriched the lives of students and their families.

At Goodwill Industries of Akron, Chas served two terms on the Board of Directors and chaired the Retail & Properties Committee, helping guide the expansion of retail operations and workforce development services throughout the region. His leadership contributed to new retail locations that strengthened the organization's ability to provide employment opportunities and support services to individuals seeking greater independence and economic stability. Chas and his wife, Kim, also chaired Goodwill's annual meeting twice and were recognized as the organization's 2019 Honorees.

Chas has also made significant contributions to preserving and enhancing Northeast Ohio's cultural and historic resources. As President of the Board of Directors for Weathervane Community Playhouse, he led a successful $1 million capital campaign and facility improvement initiative that strengthened one of the region's premier performing arts institutions and expanded educational opportunities for youth.

Historic preservation has been another defining aspect of his community service. At Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, a National Historic Landmark, Chas has provided leadership for major restoration and preservation efforts as Chair of the Properties and Collections Committee. His preservation work also includes leadership supporting the restoration of the historic John Brown House through the Summit County Historical Society, where he served as Chair of the Properties and Collections Committee, as well as Board Member when soliciting a grant from the National Park Service's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom initiative. Additionally, he serves as Chair of the City of Green Historic Preservation Commission and has led restoration efforts for other significant landmarks, including the historic Simon Perkins Stone Mansion in Akron and others.

Beyond these formal leadership roles, Chas has devoted his time to youth programs, church outreach, charitable initiatives, mentorship, and volunteer activities that support individuals and families throughout his community. Whether advancing educational opportunities, preserving historic resources, or strengthening nonprofit organizations, he has demonstrated a lifelong commitment to public service.

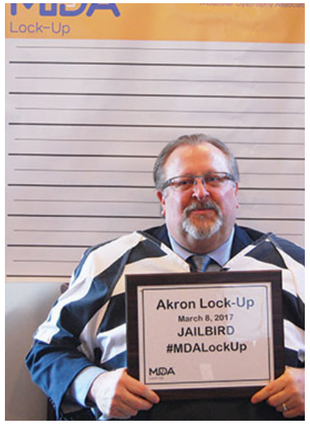
In recognition of his extraordinary contributions to community leadership, Chas received the AIA Ohio Public Service Award in 2015.

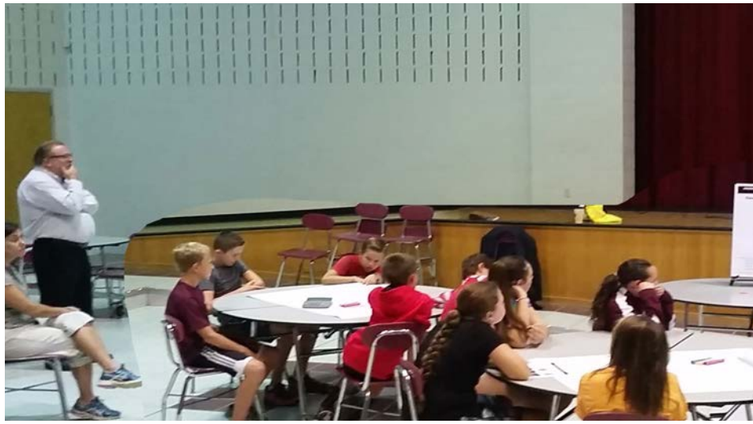
His career exemplifies the highest ideals of the architectural profession, demonstrating how architects can serve as advocates, stewards, civic leaders, and changemakers. Through his sustained commitment to community service, preservation, education, and nonprofit leadership, Chas has created a lasting impact far beyond the built environment, leaving communities stronger, more resilient, and better connected to their history and future.











".....thanks for all your wonderful volunteer work. Our community is a great deal better because of you."

Josie McElroy, Executive Director
The Volunteer Center





2.0 SUMMARY OF **SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS**

LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP THROUGH PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE

OHIO AND NATIONWIDE

Braun & Steidl Architects, Inc. was a newly formed architectural firm when Chas joined the organization in 1984. Over the next decade, he played an integral role in the firm's growth, helping expand its capabilities, client relationships, and market presence. In recognition of his contributions and leadership, Chas was named a Principal in 1994. He continued to help guide the firm's success before becoming President and Managing Partner in 2002, a role he held until 2018. Under his leadership, Braun & Steidl experienced unprecedented growth across multiple practice areas while expanding its reputation for innovation, design excellence, and forward-thinking project delivery.

As the firm continued to grow, it earned widespread recognition throughout Ohio and the architectural profession. In 1998, Braun & Steidl received the prestigious AIA Ohio Gold Medal Firm Award, one of the highest honors bestowed upon an architectural practice in the state. A decade later, in recognition of the firm's contributions to the built environment and its impact on the community during its 25th anniversary year, Akron Mayor Don Plusquellic officially proclaimed a "Braun & Steidl Architects Day" in 2008.

A strong advocate for sustainability and emerging technologies, Chas led the development of a nationally recognized prototypical hotel design that received pre-approved LEED certification status through the U.S. Green Building Council. By simplifying the certification process for hotel owners, the concept encouraged broader adoption of sustainable design practices throughout the hospitality industry and represented a significant advancement within the market sector.

Chas has consistently championed innovation as a driver of both better design and better outcomes for communities. Most notably, he led a multidisciplinary team in developing transformative, evidence-based housing concepts for individuals living with memory loss and dementia. The work redefined the role of the built environment as an integral part of treatment and quality of life, leading to invitations to present the approach to national organizations representing caregivers and senior living providers.

Recognizing opportunities to strengthen services and expand opportunities for both clients and staff, Chas helped guide the successful merger of Braun & Steidl Architects with PRIME AE in 2018. Following the merger, he was named Vice President of Architecture, continuing his leadership role while helping integrate teams, strengthen capabilities, and support the future growth of the organization.

Throughout his career, Chas has led with a focus on innovation, mentorship, strategic growth, and design solutions that create meaningful and lasting impact.



Braun & Steidl Architects Day

> ***"...my sincere thanks for the monumental effort you put forth to ensure the successful design and bid of our Field House project...it should not go unsaid that you have provided one of the most professional and comprehensive A&E services we have ever experienced. I find it refreshing to work with such a cooperative team."***
>
> Lowell D. Croskey, Director, Facilities Planning and Design
> Kent State University

> ***"...we want to commend your firm for the leadership you showed in successfully completing this complex higher education project. Your firm continually sets the example of working collaboratively with project teams and the University to accomplish our goals...your firm managed the complexity of the project in a way that kept us on budget and on schedule...This fact speaks highly of your ability..."***
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> Michael Bruder, Director – Design and Construction
> Kent State University

2.0 SUMMARY OF **SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS**

LEADERSHIP

LEADERSHIP THROUGH MENTORSHIP AND EDUCATION

OHIO AND NATIONWIDE

Throughout his career, Chas has viewed mentorship not as an obligation, but as a professional responsibility and a cornerstone of architectural practice. For more than four decades, he has dedicated himself to developing future architects, creating opportunities for emerging professionals, and strengthening the profession throughout Ohio and beyond.

Within his firm, Chas established a culture where professional growth is expected, supported, and celebrated. He championed early engagement in the Intern Development Program, encouraged participation in every aspect of practice, provided resources for licensure preparation, and personally invested in the success of aspiring architects. Over the course of his career, he has directly mentored dozens of interns and young professionals, helping guide them through licensure, leadership development, and career advancement. Many of those individuals have gone on to become firm leaders, registered architects, and respected contributors to the profession.

His commitment extends well beyond his own office. As a leader within AIA Akron and AIA Ohio, Chas helped establish and support programs that continue to serve emerging professionals today. As a co-founder of the Young Architects Forum in Akron, he created a platform that has provided networking, education, and leadership opportunities for generations of young architects. He has presented at local, state, and national conferences, appointed emerging professionals to leadership roles, and advocated for greater inclusion of young voices within the profession.

Chas has also been a tireless advocate for architectural education and student development. For decades, he has participated in university career days, design studio reviews, scholarship fundraising efforts, and community outreach programs. Through partnerships with schools, scouting organizations, and youth programs, he has introduced hundreds of students to architecture and design, often providing one-on-one mentorship to those considering careers in the field. His efforts have helped create a stronger pipeline of future architects while increasing awareness of the profession throughout the community.

The impact of Chas' mentorship can be measured not only in the number of individuals he has guided, but also in the culture of service and professional stewardship he has cultivated. His influence is reflected in the careers of countless architects, designers, and students who have benefited from his encouragement, advice, and leadership. Through decades of mentorship, advocacy, and investment in the next generation, Chas has helped shape the future of the architectural profession in Akron, across Ohio, and throughout the broader design community.

Few architects demonstrate such a lifelong dedication to investing in others. Chas' legacy is not only found in the buildings he has helped create, but in the generations of professionals he has inspired, developed, and empowered to carry the profession forward.



> ***"Chas was my original Mentor when I began my career as a Graduate Architect. He was instrumental in guiding my skills, blending technology and traditional drafting techniques. Chas was a superb example of a Project Manager, which greatly influenced my career mindset of mentoring and intern training. He encouraged growth of all aspects of my career development. Chas impressed me with his drive and passion for creating a truly successful project in all definitions of the term. He continues to inspire me today with his commitment to the AIA professional organization."***
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> Kris Young, AIA, Senior Project Manager
> Baker Barrios

2.0 SUMMARY OF **SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS**

LEADERSHIP

ADVANCING THE PUBLIC VALUE OF ARCHITECTURE

OHIO AND NATIONWIDE

Throughout his career, Chas has demonstrated that architects can serve as trusted community leaders, preservation advocates, and stewards of cultural heritage. By applying his professional expertise to some of Northeast Ohio's most valued institutions, he has elevated public awareness of architecture's role in preserving history, strengthening communities, and improving quality of life.

A significant portion of Chas' public service has focused on historic preservation and the stewardship of irreplaceable community assets. As a Board Member and Chair of the Properties & Collections Committee at Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens, one of the nation's most significant historic estates and a National Historic Landmark, he has helped guide a multi-million-dollar restoration initiative preserving the estate's architecture, collections, and historic character for future generations. His leadership has included oversight of complex restoration efforts, capital campaign support, and long-range planning that ensures the continued vitality of this treasured cultural resource.

Chas has also played a key role in preserving important chapters of American history through his service to the Summit County Historical Society. As Chair of the Property Committee, he has led restoration efforts for the historic John Brown House, a recognized site within the National Park Service's Underground Railroad Network to Freedom. Through this work, he has helped transform a historic structure into an educational resource that connects visitors to the region's role in the fight for freedom and equality.

His commitment to preservation extends to the local level through service on the City of Green Historic Preservation Commission. As Chair, Chas has guided the review and protection of designated historic landmarks and districts while helping educate fellow commissioners and the public on preservation best practices. His leadership contributed to the preservation of several important community landmarks, including the relocation of the historic East Liberty One-Room Schoolhouse to save it from demolition and restoration efforts involving other significant historic structures throughout the city.

Beyond preservation, Chas has devoted considerable time to youth development and community leadership through the Boy Scouts of America. As Lakes District Chair, he has helped oversee volunteer programs, leadership development initiatives, and community engagement efforts that provide opportunities for young people to develop character, leadership skills, and a commitment to service. His contributions were recognized through the Commodore of the Lakes Award for outstanding service.

Through decades of leadership, volunteerism, and preservation advocacy, Chas has demonstrated how architects can contribute meaningfully beyond the built environment. His work has preserved historic resources, strengthened community institutions, supported youth development, and increased public appreciation for the role architects play in shaping and sustaining society. His contributions stand as a powerful example of architecture's broader value in the public realm.









2.0 SUMMARY OF **SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS**

LEADERSHIP

A LIFE OF SERVICE

OHIO AND NATIONWIDE

Throughout his career, Chas has exemplified the principles of servant leadership. His contributions to the profession, his community, and the organizations he serves have been guided by a deep commitment to integrity, humility, stewardship, and service to others. The impact of his leadership extends far beyond architecture and is rooted in values that have shaped every aspect of his life.

For more than four decades, Chas has balanced professional achievement with an unwavering dedication to family, faith, and community. As a husband, father, mentor, and community leader, he has consistently demonstrated that meaningful leadership begins with investing in people. His commitment to family was reflected in years of active involvement in educational, athletic, artistic, and scouting activities, where he supported and encouraged the development of the next generation while modeling the values of service, responsibility, and lifelong learning.

Faith has also played a central role in shaping Chas' approach to leadership. For more than thirty years, he has served his church community in a variety of capacities, including advisory, financial, and volunteer leadership roles. His willingness to contribute his time, expertise, and counsel has helped strengthen the organizations and individuals around him while reinforcing a lifelong commitment to service above self.

Professionally, Chas has fostered a culture of leadership, mentorship, and community engagement. Through both his example and encouragement, colleagues throughout his firm have become active contributors to professional organizations, nonprofit boards, civic initiatives, and community programs. His influence has extended well beyond his own accomplishments, inspiring others to pursue leadership opportunities and public service throughout their careers.

Underlying all of Chas' achievements is a belief that architects have a responsibility to contribute to society beyond the built environment. Whether serving professional organizations, mentoring emerging leaders, supporting nonprofit institutions, preserving cultural resources, or volunteering within his community, he has consistently used his talents to improve the lives of others and strengthen the communities he serves.

The breadth of Chas' contributions is remarkable, but it is the consistency of his character that defines his legacy. Throughout a lifetime of service, he has led not for recognition or personal gain, but from a genuine desire to help others succeed. His career stands as an enduring example of how architects can use their leadership, knowledge, and influence to create meaningful and lasting impact on the profession, their communities, and society as a whole.







2.0 SUMMARY OF **SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS**

TRANSFORMATIVE DESIGN

ALOFT/ELEMENT DUAL BRAND HOTEL

TAMPA, FL

ROLE **Principal-in-Charge**

FIRM **PRIME AE Group, Inc.**

DATE **2020-2021**

As cities across the country seek to create vibrant, walkable districts that foster economic growth and social connection, architecture plays a critical role in shaping destinations that bring people together. The Aloft and Element Tampa Midtown development exemplifies this potential, transforming a formerly underutilized site into a dynamic mixed-use destination that has become a catalyst for investment, activity, and community engagement within one of Tampa's fastest-growing urban districts. As Principal-in-Charge, Chas provided leadership throughout the project's planning and design, helping realize a vision that extends beyond hospitality to support placemaking, urban vitality, and long-term community value.

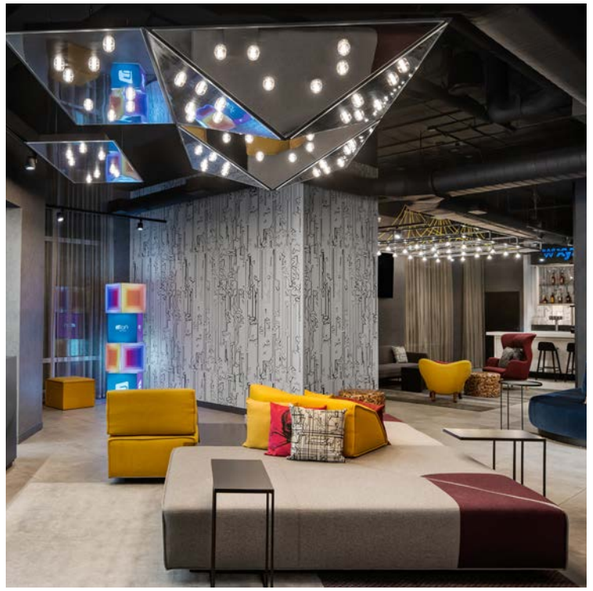
The development brought together two distinct hospitality brands within a unified architectural vision, creating a dynamic presence that contributes to the identity and vitality of the Midtown district. Through thoughtful coordination of massing, materials, and public-facing spaces, the project enhances the pedestrian experience and strengthens the surrounding urban fabric while supporting continued investment in the area.

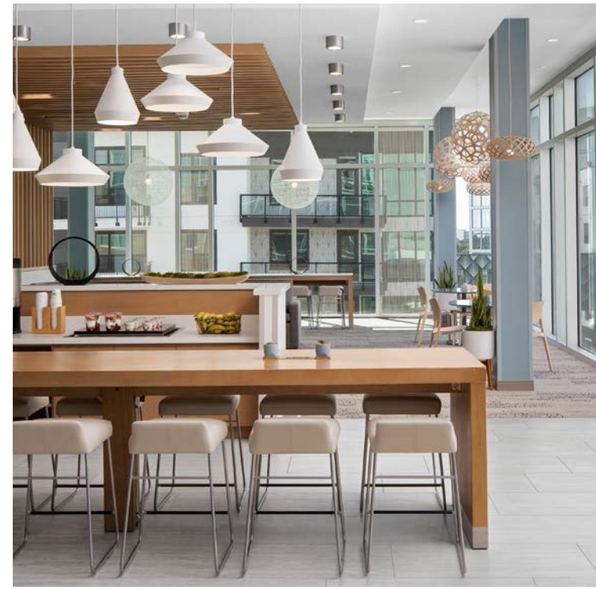
A key aspect of the project's community impact was the activation of the public realm. Under Chas' leadership, the design integrated street-level retail, gathering spaces, and a shared arrival experience that foster interaction between hotel guests, local residents, and visitors. Above, rooftop dining, event, and recreation spaces provide opportunities for social engagement while celebrating views of the surrounding city, further establishing the development as a destination for both residents and visitors.

Completed amid the unprecedented challenges of COVID-era construction, the project required exceptional leadership, coordination, and adaptability. Opening in conjunction with Super Bowl LV in 2021, the development played a meaningful role in showcasing Tampa's continued growth and investment while contributing to the city's economic activity, tourism infrastructure, and ongoing revitalization efforts.

Through his leadership as Principal-in-Charge, Chas helped deliver a project that demonstrates how architecture can extend beyond its primary function to support economic development, public engagement, and community vitality. The Aloft and Element Tampa Midtown development exemplifies design's ability to strengthen connections between people and place while serving as a catalyst for the long-term success of an emerging urban district. Completed as Tampa welcomed national attention, the project showcased the city's continued growth and investment while delivering a lasting asset for the community.









2.0 SUMMARY OF **SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS**

TRANSFORMATIVE DESIGN

EXTERIOR AND INTERIOR RESTORATION OF THE JOHN BROWN HOUSE AND PERKINS MANSION

AKRON, OH

ROLE **Principal-in-Charge**

FIRM **PRIME AE Group, Inc.**

Historic preservation has been a defining component of Chas' service to both the profession and his community. Beyond providing architectural leadership on significant restoration projects, he has dedicated countless volunteer hours to preserving historically significant structures and ensuring their stories remain accessible to future generations.

One of the most notable examples is the restoration of the historic John Brown House in Akron, Ohio, undertaken in partnership with the Summit County Historical Society. Chas served as Principal for the restoration effort and has continued to provide organizational leadership as Chair of the Historical Society's Properties and Collections Committee. Once home to abolitionist John Brown from approximately 1844 to 1854, the property is a nationally significant landmark associated with the fight to end slavery and the Underground Railroad movement.

Recognizing both the historic importance of the structure and its deteriorating condition, Chas helped guide a comprehensive restoration effort that included replacement of the exterior siding and roof, repairs to the stone foundation, upgrades to electrical and HVAC systems, and improvements necessary to preserve the building for future generations. Equally important, the project sought to expand public access to this important chapter of American history through the addition of accessible pathways, an accessible restroom, and interpretive exhibits that will allow visitors of all abilities to engage with the site's powerful story.

The John Brown House is one of several significant preservation projects that have benefited from Chas' leadership. He also served as Principal for the restoration of the historic Simon Perkins Stone Mansion, one of Akron's most important architectural landmarks as it was the home of the founder of Akron. Originally constructed between 1835 and 1837, the mansion is among the oldest surviving structures in the city and holds deep historical significance. Chas led investigation, analysis, restoration design, and construction management services for both the interior and exterior restoration, helping preserve an irreplaceable piece of Akron's architectural heritage.

His commitment extends beyond individual projects. Chas has provided ongoing leadership to the Summit County Historical Society and currently serves as Vice Chair of the Board. Through these roles, he has helped advance preservation strategies, stewardship efforts, and public education initiatives that honor the legacy of those who fought for freedom and justice.

Together, the restoration of the John Brown House, the Simon Perkins Stone Mansion, and numerous other preservation efforts exemplify Chas' belief that architecture is not only about creating new places, but also about safeguarding the cultural, architectural, and historical resources that connect communities to their past. His leadership has helped ensure that these important landmarks will continue to educate, inspire, and serve the public for generations to come.



The John Brown House

"…Your attention to detail in the design of the Brown Village creates a seamless interaction with the adjacent stately manor homes…each location has its own character and identity, yet reflects the context of their neighborhood… Thank you for understanding our design intent, exploring options with us, and creating an environment where students flourish and feel right at home."

Patrick D. Heddleston, Vice President
for Business Affairs and Treasurer
University of Mount Union



Perkins Mansion

"…in a world where the tendency appears to be destruction rather than preservation, it is a pleasure to discover people who make the effort to restore historic structures. While this often requires more careful consideration than constructing new buildings, the end result is well worth the effort…"

Lucinda Weiss, Past President, Board of Trustees
Summit County Historical Society

2.0 SUMMARY OF **SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS**

TRANSFORMATIVE DESIGN

PARKER HANNIFIN HALL AND ADMINISTRATION CENTER

CLEVELAND, OH

ROLE **Principal-in-Charge**

FIRM **Braun & Steidl Architects**

DATE **2006**

The Parker Hannifin Hall and Administration Center demonstrates how architecture can serve as a catalyst for community connection, historic preservation, and institutional transformation. As Principal-in-Charge, Chas led the design vision for a project that united multiple strategic initiatives—including the University Master Plan, the Euclid Avenue Corridor revitalization effort, a new administration center, and the restoration of the historic George Howe Mansion—into a cohesive destination that strengthens the relationship between the university and the surrounding community.

At a time when many institutions were seeking ways to reconnect their campuses with the neighborhoods around them, Chas helped guide a solution that prioritized accessibility, connectivity, and public engagement. The project established a new gateway to the campus, creating stronger physical and visual connections between the university and the Euclid Avenue corridor through pedestrian-focused planning, active ground-floor uses, and inviting public spaces.

By encouraging interaction between students, faculty, visitors, and community members, the development helped reinforce the university's role as a civic and cultural asset within the city.

Central to the project was the preservation and adaptive reuse of the historic George Howe Mansion, a significant local landmark dating to 1894. Under Chas' leadership, the mansion was carefully restored and integrated into a larger academic complex, preserving an important piece of the community's architectural heritage while providing new opportunities for public use and institutional engagement. The project demonstrates how historic preservation can serve not only as an act of stewardship, but also as a means of strengthening community identity and connecting future generations to their shared history.

Chas also championed a forward-looking approach to sustainability and long-term community value. Through the integration of geothermal heating and cooling systems, high-performance building strategies, and thoughtful campus planning, the project achieved LEED Silver certification while creating an environment that supports both environmental responsibility and operational efficiency. The result is a facility designed to serve the university and community for decades to come.

Through his leadership, Chas helped transform a collection of independent goals into a unified vision that advances education, preservation, sustainability, and community engagement. The Parker Hannifin Hall and Administration Center stands as an example of architecture's ability to bridge past and future, strengthen connections between institutions and communities, and create lasting public benefit through thoughtful design and leadership.









2.0 SUMMARY OF **SIGNIFICANT ACHIEVEMENTS**

TRANSFORMATIVE DESIGN

STUDENT CENTER

CLEVELAND, OH

ROLE **Principal-in-Charge**

FIRM **Braun & Steidl Architects**

DATE **2010**

The Cleveland State University Student Center demonstrates the power of architecture to foster community, strengthen institutional identity, and create meaningful connections between a university and the city it serves. As Principal-in-Charge, Chas led the design vision along with the New York firm, Gwathmey Siegl Architects, for the 138,000-square-foot facility, transforming a constrained urban site into a vibrant center of student life that has become a focal point for engagement, collaboration, and campus activity.

Recognizing the Student Center's role as the social heart of the university, Chas guided the creation of an environment designed to bring students together and support a diverse range of academic, social, and extracurricular experiences. Dining venues, student organization spaces, gathering areas, event facilities, and Student Life offices are organized around open, light-filled interiors that encourage interaction, inclusivity, and a strong sense of belonging. The result is a welcoming destination that supports student success while enriching the overall campus experience.

2011 Excellence Design Award, American Institute of Architects Akron Chapter

A defining aspect of the project was its ability to strengthen connections across the campus and beyond. By integrating Cleveland State University's elevated interlink pedestrian system into the building, the project improved circulation, enhanced accessibility, and created stronger physical connections between academic buildings, campus gathering spaces, and student services. These improvements helped establish the Student Center as both a connector and a destination within the university community.

Chas and partners also recognized the opportunity to strengthen the relationship between the university and downtown Cleveland. The building's direct engagement with Euclid Avenue creates an active and welcoming presence along one of the city's most important corridors, extending campus activity into the public realm and reinforcing the university's role as a civic and cultural contributor. By opening the campus to the surrounding community, the project helps blur traditional boundaries between institution and city, creating a more connected and accessible urban environment.

Through his leadership, Chas helped create more than a student facility; he helped establish a community-centered destination that enhances student life, strengthens campus identity, and reinforces the university's connection to the broader city. The Cleveland State University Student Center stands as an example of architecture's ability to create places that bring people together while advancing the educational, social, and civic mission of an institution.







3.0 BIOGRAPHY

EDUCATION

1982 **Kent State University**
Kent, Ohio
Bachelor of Architecture

1981 **Kent State University**
Kent, Ohio
Bachelor of Science

1976 **Erie Community College**
Buffalo, New York
Associate Degree in Construction Technology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2018-Present **PRIME AE Group, Inc.**
Akron, Ohio
Vice President, Architecture

2002-2018 **Braun & Steidl Architects**
Akron, Ohio
President

1994-2002 **Braun & Steidl Architects**
Akron, Ohio
Principal

1984-1994 **Braun & Steidl Architects**
Akron, Ohio
Project Architect/Project Manager

1982-1984 **Scott Kluth Shafer Poyer Architects**
Berea, Ohio
Intern Architect

1980-1981 **State of Ohio**
Department of Administrative Services
Division of Public Works
Cleveland, Ohio
Space Planner

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATIONS HELD

Arizona, Connecticut, Georgia, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Carolina, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Wisconsin, Washington, DC; NCARB

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

2013-2014 Chair, Construction Contract Administration Knowledge Community Advisory Group

2012-2016 Member, Construction Contract Administration Knowledge Community Advisory Group

2010-2012 OVR Regional Director to the National Board

2010-2011 Member, Board Knowledge Committee

2011 Chair, BoKnoCo Alliance Workgroup

2011 Reviewer of Submittals for Convention Continuing Education Programs

2012 Secretary's Advisory Committee

2012 Named Richard Upjohn Fellow

2018 Elevated to College of Fellows

AIA OHIO
A SOCIETY OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

2007 President

2006 President-Elect

2004-2005 Treasurer

1996-1998 AIA Akron Director to AIA Ohio Board

1999-2003 AIA Akron Director to AIA Ohio Board

1997 Chair, Advocacy Committee

2008 AIA Ohio Liaison to the Ohio Architects Board

2008 Chair, Nominating Committee

2014 Chair, Past Presidents' Committee

2006 Chair, Planning Retreat

2008 AIA Ohio Liaison to the AIA Ohio Foundation

2004-2006 AIA Ohio Valley Regional Council Representative for Ohio

2004-2005 AIA Ohio Valley Regional Council

2004-2005 AIA Ohio Valley Regional Council Exificio Treasurer

AIA AKRON
A CHAPTER OF THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

1995 President

1994 President –Elect

1996 Past-President

1991-1994 Founding Co-Chair of the Young Architect's Forum

1991-1993 3 Year Director

1988-1990 Special Director

JURIES

2014 **AIA National Honorary Membership Jury Chair**
Advanced Thirteen Candidates for Honorary Membership

2010 **AIA Ohio Honor Awards Committee Jury Chair**
Awarded nominees as follows:
Robert Livsey, FAIA for Ohio Gold Medal Acock Associates Architects for Gold Medal Firm;
Lane Beougher, FAIA for Mentor Award;
Michael Christoff Associate AIA and Bradley Fink for Public Service Award;
made recommendations for AIA Board consideration

2009 **AIA Ohio Honor Awards Committee Jury Committee Member**
Awarded nominees as follows:
John C. Senhauser, FAIA for Ohio Gold Medal;
Bialosky & Partners for Gold Medal Firm;
James Titos, AIA for Mentor Award;
Jud Kline, FAIA for Public Service Award;
made recommendations for AIA Board consideration.

2005 **Mason Contractors Association of Akron and Vicinity Jury Member**
One of two jury members for the Region C Masonry Skills Challenge

> ***"For nearly 30 years, Chas has exhibited the vision needed to lead the profession through his accomplishments in both practice and through his sustained commitment to the AIA. He has truly made his mark for our organization and continues to be a valued resource every time he's called upon."***
>
> David Field, CAE, Hon. AIA
> Executive Vice President, AIA Ohio

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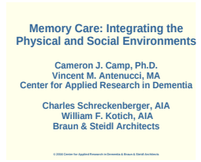
SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS



2017 **Construction Administration Boot Camp for Small Projects and Emerging Firms**
American Institute of Architects | National Convention | Pre-Convention Workshop
Orlando, Florida | Presenter

2017 **Memory Care: Integrating the Physical and Social Environments**
Aging in America | The Annual Conference of the American Society on Aging
Chicago, Illinois | Presenter

2017 **Memory Care: Integrating the Physical and Social Environments**
Michigan Assisted Living Association | Environments Annual Conference
Lansing, Michigan | Presenter



2016 **Resident Driven Memory Care: Creating Supportive Environments**
American College of Healthcare Administrators | 50th Annual Convention
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania | Presenter

2016 **Resident Driven Memory Care: A New Model of Care**
Leading Age Ohio, Annual Conference
Columbus, Ohio | Presenter

2016 **Memory Care: Integrating the Physical and Social Environments**
Michigan Assisted Living Association | Environments Annual Conference
Lansing, Michigan |Presenter

2015 **Memory Care: Integrating the Physical and Social Environments**
Institute for Healthcare Education | Menorah Park Senior Living Facility
Beachwood, Ohio | Presenter

2015 **Coffee and Construction Contract Administration**
American Institute of Architects | National Convention
CCA KC Member Forum
Atlanta, Georgia | Panel Member
An interactive forum to exchange insights related to the challenges, pitfalls and triumphs of construction and construction administration





2014 **The Use of Mobile Apps in the Field**
AIA Construction Contract Administration | Knowledge Community - Online Webinar
Moderator

2014 **Self Defense for Architects**
AIA Construction Contract Administration
Knowledge Community - Online Webinar
Moderator

2014 **Adopting Contract Administration to an Ever-Changing Design & Construction Culture**
American Institute of Architects | National Convention
Pre-Convention Workshop
Chicago, Illinois | Presenter

2013 **BIM & Contract Administration: Architects Leading the Process**
American Institute of Architects | National Convention
Pre-Convention Workshop
Denver, Colorado| Presenter

2012 **BIM & Contract Administration: Building the Connection between Design & Construction**
American Institute of Architects | National Convention
Pre-Convention Workshop
Washington, DC | Presenter

2011 **The Diary of an Architect - What I've Learned as a Principal in Running (or Starting) a Practice**
American Institute of Architects | Ohio Valley Regional Convention
Dayton, OH | Presenter

2013 **Tying Architectural Education to Practice**
Kent State University College of Architecture & Environmental Design
Faculty and Administration Retreat - Panel Discussion
Kent, Ohio | Panel Member

2009 **Firms that Survive**
American Institute of Architects | Ohio Valley Regional Convention
Covington, Kentucky | Panel Member

2006 **Improving Quality and Efficiency in Ohio Public Works**
Ohio Grassroots Convention - Panel Discussion
Columbus, Ohio | Moderator

1996 **U.S. Franchise Systems Hospitality Conference - Hotel Development Panel Discussion**
Atlanta, Georgia | Panel Member

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WHITE PAPERS

AIA KnowledgeNet

2016 **Custom Cars and the Problem with Construction Productivity**
American Institute of Architects | Construction Contract Administration Knowledge Community
Charles Schreckenberger and Bill Schmaltz

2014 **Budgeting for the Construction Phase**
American Institute of Architects | Construction Contract Administration Knowledge Community
Charles Schreckenberger and Bill Schmaltz

2011 **Enriching Alliances and Coalitions/Smart Grid**
American Institute of Architects | Board Knowledge Committee
Charles Schreckenberger

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT



Woodridge Local Schools

2016-2018 **Woodridge Local Schools Junior Care**
Participant Supervisor

2017 **Muscular Dystrophy Assocation, Akron Lock Up**
Fundraiser

2014-Present **City of Green Historic Preservation Commission**
2017 Chair



Muscular Dystrophy

2014-Present **Summit County Historical Society**
2014-Present Board of Directors
2014-2025 Property Committee - Chair
2015 Honorary Co-Chair of Road Rally Fundraiser

2013-2021 **Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens**
2017-2021 Chair of Properties and Collections Committee
2013-2021 Board of Directors
2013-Present Member of Properties and Collections Committee
2013-2021 Member of Personnel Committee

2013-Present **Knights of Columbus**
2013-Present Third Degree Knight
2014-2016 Trustee

2005-2011 **Weathervane Community Playhouse**
2005-2011 Board of Trustees
2006-2008 First Vice President
2006-2008 Member of Executive Committee
2009-2011 Board President
2009-2010 Member of Capital Campaign Committee
2009-2010 Chair of Building Committee

> *".....thanks for all your wonderful volunteer work. Our community is a great deal better because of you"*
>
> Josie McElroy,
> Executive Director
> The Volunteer Center

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT CONTINUED



2003-Present **Goodwill Industries of Akron**
2019 Honorary Co-Chair of the Taste of Vintage Fundraiser
2014-2015 Honorary Co-Chair of the Celebration of Champions and Annual Meeting
2009-Present Honorary Board of Directors
2008 Member of the Executive Committee
2008 Chair of Retail and Property Committee
2003-2009 Board of Directors
2003-2009 Member of Retail Property Committee

1999-2000 **Leadership Akron**
Class of XVI

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
GREAT TRAIL COUNCIL
BUILD AN ADVENTURE.

1994-2025 **Boy Scouts of America: Great Trail Council**
2017-2025 Council Executive Board
2017 - 2021 Lakes District Chair
2015-2016 Lakes District Nominating Chair
2008-2014 Merit Badge Counselor
1999-2014 Parent Volunteer

1994-1996 **The Volunteer Center**
Corporate Council Planning Committee for CANstruction Event to benefit the Akron/ Canton Regional Food Bank

1992-1993 **Progress Through Preservation**
Historic House Tour Planning Committee



St. Bernard's

1988-Present **St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church**
1995-Present Eucharistic Minister
1992-1995 Founding Chair of Men's Club
1992-1995 Advisor to the Trustee – Memorial Trust Fund
1991-Present Finance Council
1988-Present Member
1988-Present Greeter/Collector

1981-1994 **Akron Council For Hearing Impaired Children**
1988-1990 President
1981-1994 Member

1991 **Brush-UP Akron**
Volunteer Painter

1993 **Habitat For Humanity**
Parish Crew Coordinator

> *".....your letter to the Beacon Journal was really powerful...your leadership of Akron Council for Hearing Impaired Children has been outstanding...The programs, business meetings, revision of the by-laws and tone of the group has been positive and has fostered a team spirit."*
>
> Mary Beth Kluge, Director of Special Education
> Akron Public Schools

4.0 SUPPORTING EXHIBITS

PUBLICATIONS



MOST NOTABLE LEADERS IN ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING, AND CONSTRUCTION

Crain's Cleveland Business
June 8, 2026



Glendale Cemetery Bell Tower

GLENDALE CEMETERY HISTORIC BELL TOWER TO BE RE-CHRISTENED

Jennifer Conn
Cleveland.com
July 5, 2017



University of Akron Law School

UA LAW SCHOOL UNVEILS MODERN UPDATE

Katie Byard
Akron Beacon Journal
September 7, 2017



Historic 1883 Barn New Roof

HISTORIC 1883 BARN GETS NEW COMPOSITE SLATE ROOF

Press Release
DaVinci Roofscapes, LLC
2017

BREATHING LIFE INTO A 173 YEAR-OLD OHIO HISTORICAL BUILDING

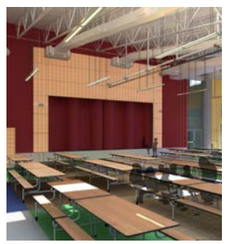
Inspire Roofing Staff Writer
www.insipireroofing.com
2017



Road Rally


President meets with governor, residents of flooded B
Tourism
Cedar Point aims to be vacation destination
Hotel expansion, other changes all part of new vision

Breakers Hotel



Woodridge Elementary

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT & CEO

Leianne Neff Heppner, President & CEO Summit County Historical Society
Portage Trail Review, September
Article to recognize Charles as the Honorary Co-Chair of the Historical Society's primary fundraiser
www.insipireroofing.com
2016

THE SCENE: RUBBER CITY ROAD RALLY BENEFITS SUMMIT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Joyce M. Johnson
Akron Beacon Journal
June 12, 2016

CEDAR POINT: MORE ROOM AT THE INNS

Susan Glaser
The Plain Dealer
August 19, 2016

CEDAR POINT AIMS TO BE VACATION DESTINATION

Susan Glaser
The Plain Dealer
August 24, 2016

WOODRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROJECT WILL BREAK GROUND IN SPRING

Steve Wiandt
Cuyahoga Falls News-Press
November 13, 2016

WOODRIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICIALS HOPE TO COMPLETE CONSTRUCTION WORK BY AUGUST 2018

Phil Keren
Cuyahoga Falls News-Press
February 21, 2016



Woodridge Elementary

NEW WOODRIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOOL TO REFLECT SETTING

Becky Tomkins
West Side Leader
November 10, 2016

NAVIGATING THE CCA LOSS PITFALL

Charles Schreckenberger and Bill Schmalz
AIA.org
April 6, 2016



One-Room Schoolhouse

SMOKE & FLAMES

Kelli Weir
The Canton Repository
August 1, 2016
*Charles is the Principal Architect for the restoration of a historic one-room schoolhouse devastated by arson


state-of-the-art burn building

PORTAGE LAKES CAREER CENTER UNVEILS STATE-OF-THE-ART BURN BUILDING

Carolyn Mostyn
The Suburbanite
August 26, 2016

PLCC BURN BUILDING TRAINING CENTER IS DEDICATED

Maria Lindsay
South Side Leader
August 18, 2016

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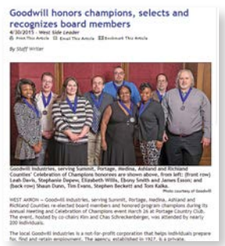
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NEWSMAKERS - AIA OHIO PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD
West Side Leader
Staff Writer
West Side Leader
December 31, 2015

HARBOR WOODS SENIOR LIVING COMMUNITY BREAKS GROUND IN BRUNSWICK
Brian Lisik
Cleveland.com
November 10, 2015

GOODWILL HONORS CHAMPIONS, SELECTS AND RECOGNIZES BOARD MEMBERS
West Side Leader
Staff Writer
West Side Leader
April 30, 2015

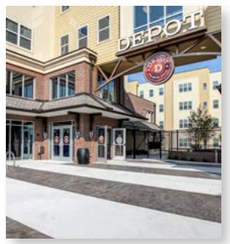


STATE OF THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION EVENT HIGHLIGHTS HISTORIC PROJECTS
Eric Poston
The Suburbanite
November 15, 2015

GOODWILL HONORS PROGRAM CHAMPIONS, RE-ELECTS BOARD MEMBER
West Side Leader
Staff Writer
West Side Leader
April 19, 2014



WOODRIDGE ACCEPTS PLAN TO REBUILD, RENOVATE SCHOOLS
Becky Tomkins
West Side Leader
June 12, 2014



The Depot Student Housing

OLD RAILROAD BUILDING COMING DOWN TO MAKE WAY FOR AKON STUDENT HOUSING
Stephanie Warsmith
Akron Beacon Journal
May 9, 2013



Courtyard by Marriott Cleveland, Ohio

ACCOMMODATING GROWTH
Doug Bardell
Properties Magazine, Cover Feature
August 2013



Advanced Technology Training Center

TECHNOLOGY CENTER CREATES HANDS ON OPPOTUNITIES
Tri-C Staff Writer
Cuyahoga Community College
Annual Report to the Community,
p. 23
2013

ENGINEERING ADAPTABILITY: TRI-C'S ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY TRAINING CENTER DELIVERS FLEXIBLE SPACE FOR NEXT GENERATION JOB TRAINING
Doug Bardell
Properties
October, 2012



Cleveland State University Student Center

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CENTER
Gwathmey, Siegel, & Associates Architects
with Braun & Steidl Architects
arch daily
September 21, 2011

CLEVELAND STATE UNIVERSITY STUDENT CENTER: GREEN AT HEART
Jack Baumann
Campus District Observer, Volume 1, Issue 3
October 13, 2011



Marriott LEED Volume Program

LEED + LODGING: BRAUN & STEIDL ARCHITECTS DESIGNS FIRST USGBC PRE-CERTIFIED HOTEL
Charles Schreckenberger
Properties
September, 2011

THREE MARRIOTT BRANDS EARN LEED VOLUME PRE-CERTIFICATION
Glenn Hasek
Green Lodging News
October 5, 2011



Courtyard by Marriott Fort Mill, SC

MARRIOTT LEADS THE INDUSTRY WITH HTE FIRST LEED GREEN HOTEL PROTOTYPE
Marriott International Staff Writer
Hopsitality Upgrade
July 26, 2010

FIRST LEED-DESIGNED COURTYARD BY MARRIOTT OPENS
Staff Writer
Airlines and Destinations
September 27, 2010

MARRIOTT HOTELS ON FAST TRACK FOR LEED CERTIFICATION
Kai Tabacek
The Guardian
November 13, 2009

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PUBLICATIONS CONTINUED



Elements Restaurant
Cleveland State University

DYNAMIC DINING-ELEMENTS BISTRO ON EUCLID BRINGS CONTEMPORARY CUISINE TO CLEVELAND STATE CAMPUS
Mark Wyatt
Properties
April 2008

THE TABLE OF ELEMENTS
Builders Exchange Staff Writer
Builders Exchange
2008

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Charles Schreckenberger
ArchiTypes, Volume 10, Issue 1
2007



Properties Magazine
President of AIA Ohio

FIRM HELPS SHAPE AIA AT LOCAL, STATE, AND NATIONAL LEVELS
Charles Schreckenberger
Properties
January, 2007

ON THE LEVEL; CHARLES L. SCHRECKENBERGER, AIA
Moser Construction Staff Writer
Moser Construction
Summer, 2006



Cuyahoga Falls
Natatorium

ARCHITECTURAL SHOWCASE: THE NATATORIUM
Athletic Business Staff Writer
Atlantic Business
June 2005

FALLS NATATORIUM OPENS WITH STYLE
Kathleen Collins
The West Side Leader
September 23-29, 2004

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS DESIGNING EXCELLENCE
Akron Beacon Journal Staff Writer
Akron Beacon Journal
November 28, 2004



The Lodge at
Geneva-on-the-Lake

GENEVA STATE PARK COULD HAVE LODGE/CONFERENCE CENTER
Valerie Howland

LODGE TAKING SHAPE
Mark Owens
The News-Herald
October 15,2003



The Chapel – South
Campus

NEW CHAPEL DRAWS THOUSANDS
Karalee Miller
Akron Beacon Journal
June 2, 2003



Owner's at Work

BRAUN & STEIDL ARCHITECTS BREAK NEW GROUND
Owners at Work Staff Writer
Owners at Work
2003



President's Message

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Charles Schreckenberger
AIA Akron Newsletter
January, 1995

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Charles Schreckenberger
AIA Akron Newsletter
March/April, 1995

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Charles Schreckenberger
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May/June 1995

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - 1ST ANNUAL SPECIAL ADDITION NEWSLETTER
Charles Schreckenberger
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Summer 1995

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Charles Schreckenberger
AIA Akron Newsletter
September/October 1995



Cans Festival

CANS FILM FEST GOES OFF WITHOUT A HITCH
Elizabeth M. Patton
Akron Beacon Journal
March 26, 1994

CAN-DO ATTITUDE
Cleveland Plain Dealer Staff Writer
Cleveland Plain Dealer
March 25, 1994



Sojourner Truth
building

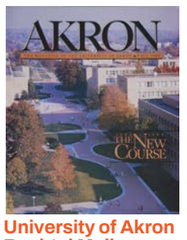
AWARD GOES TO "TRUTH" ARCHITECTS
Summitt County of Department of Human Services Staff Writer
Newsline, Volume 3 No. 43
November 6, 1992
*Building was named after
Sojourner Truth



Kent State University
Field House

METAL BUILDING MAKING THE GRADE FOR COLLEGE CAMPUS CONSTRUCTION
Metal Architecture Staff Writer
Metal Architecture, Volume 6,
Number 4
Cover Feature
1990

ARCHITECTURAL SHOWCASE, KENT STATE UNIVERSITY FIELD HOUSE
Athletic Business Staff Writer
Athletic Business
June, 1990



University of Akron
Buchtel Mall

THE NEW COURSE: 1984-89
AKron Magazine Staff Writer
Akron Magazine, Volume IV, Issue 1
Fall 1989
*Cover Feature: University of Akron
Buchtel Mall

> ***"...my sincere thanks for the monumental effort you put forth to ensure the successful design and bid of our Field House project...it should not go unsaid that you have provided one of the most professional and comprehensive A&E services we have ever experienced. I find it refreshing to work with such a cooperative team."***
>
> Lowell D. Croskey, Director, Facilities Planning and Design
> Kent State University

4.0 SUPPORTING EXHIBITS

SIGNIFICANT AWARDS



NOTABLE LEADERS IN ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION

Crain's Cleveland Business'
2026







AIA AKRON AND AIA COLUMBUS DESIGN AWARDS

Glendale Cemetary Bell Tower Restoration | 2017
Advanced Training Center, Cuyhaoga Community College | 2015
The Ohio State University, Hopkins and Hayes Hall Renovation | 2014
JAR Basketball Team Facility Improvements, University of Akron | 2013
Cleveland State University, Student Center | 2011
Findley Community Leraning Center (Merit) | 2011
Renaissance Raleigh North Hills Hotel, Raleigh NC | 2011
Ohio University Adams Hall Residence | 2009
SpringHill Suites, Waukegan, IL | 2009
Cuyahoga Falls Wellness and Recreation Center | 2006
Presidential Citation | 2005
St. Paul's Catholic Church Sanctuary | 2004
The Chapel, Green campus | 2004
Kent State University, Residence Hall Quad "A" | 2002
Federated Church and Family Life Center | 2000



AIA OHIO, OHIO GOLD MEDAL FIRM AWARD

Ohio Gold Medal Firm Award | 1998
Ohio State, Hopkins Hall Renovations, Honor Award for Newly Completed Renovation | 2012



AIA OHIO HONORS SCHRECKENBERGER WITH PUBLIC SERVICE AWARD

Properties Staff Writer
Properties Magazine
2015

AWARD OF EXCELLENCE

Cleveland Engineering Society
Cleveland State University
2011

OUTSTANDING PROFESSIONAL IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY

American Subcontractors Association
1989

EXCELLENCE IN PROFESSIONAL DESIGN

Akron District Society of Professional Engineers
Water Works Family Acquatic Facility
1998

EXCELLENCE IN MASONRY DESIGN AWARD

Ohio Masonry Association
Science and Technology Campus Corporation
2013

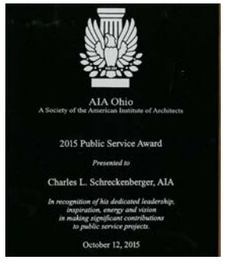


SUMMIT COUNTRY HISTORICAL SOCIETY | PROGRESS THROUGH PRESERVATION

Glendale Cemetery Civic War Memorial Chapel Architectural Heritage Award | 2015
St. Bernard Catholic Church, Architectural Heritage Award | 1997
Barder House, Architectural Heritage Award | 1988



Glendale Civil War Memorial Chapel



KIM AND CHAS SHCRECKENBERBER DAY

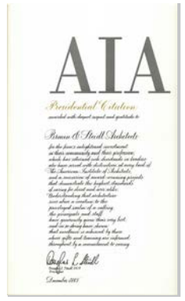
Proclamation

RICHARD UPJOHN FELLOW

American Institute of Architects
2012

Greater Akron Chamber

Arts and Culture Award
2015







HOSPITALITY AWARDS - MARRIOTT INTERNATIONAL

Opening Hotel of the Year, SpringHill Suites, Bakery Square, Pittsburgh, PA | 2010
Design and Construction Excellence, SpringHill Suites, Waukegan, IL | 2009
Opening Hotel of the Year, SpringHill Suites, Waukegan, IL | 2009
Marriott Outstanding Service Award | 2008
Conversion Excellence, Fairfield Inn and Suites, Beachwood, OH | 2008
Opening Hotel of the Year, Fairfield Inn and Suites, Neville Island, Pittsburgh, PA | 2006
Opening Hotel of the Year, Courtyard by Marriott, Hamilton, Ontario
Canada | 2006
Construction Excellence, Courtyard by Marriott, Homestead, PA | 2005
Opening Hotel of the Year, Courtyard by Marriott, Creekbank, Mississauga, Canada | 2005
Hotel of the Year - Mid Atlantic Region, Courtyard by Marriott,
Altoona, PA | 2003

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS

Presidential Citation
2006

AIA OHIO FOUNDATION - CHARLES MARR AWARD

American Institute of Architects
2012

AIA OHIO DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD

American Institute of Architects
1998

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Greater Trail Council - Lakes District Commodore of the Lakes Award
2016

District Award of Merit
2021

> ***"...we want to commend your firm for the leadership you showed in successfully completing this complex higher education project. Your firm continually sets the example of working collaboratively with project teams and the University to accomplish our goals...your firm managed the complexity of the project in a way that kept us on budget and on schedule...This fact speaks highly of your ability..."***
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> Michael Bruder, Director – Design and Construction
> Kent State University

5.0 LETTERS OF SUPPORT

AIA Ohio Awards Committee June 15, 2026

400 West Wilson Bridge Road, Suite 120
Worthington, Ohio 43085

Dear Members of the AIA Ohio Awards Committee,

It is with pride and enthusiasm that I write in support of the nomination of my longtime friend, work mate, and business partner for the 2026 AIA Ohio Gold Medal.

I have had the privilege of knowing Chas since college, and we both received our Ohio License on the same day in 1985. I joined Braun & Steidl Architects that same year and have shared a studio or an office with Chas for close to 40 years throughout our professional careers. We often laugh that we can complete each other's sentences better than the originator. I have seen Chas' growth and transition through all the traditional roles as an architect, but one not so traditional role I believe is what defined his path to leadership, resulting in his nickname of *'Father Confessor.'* Chas has a superpower that not many possess, and that is his tremendous empathy for those around him. On many occasions co-workers would, toward the end of workday, wander to his desk and just start talking with him, opening up about anything from professional aspirations to personal issues. Chas would listen and he spent many late evenings taking as much time as needed sharing his experiences and giving council. To me, this ability to connect on a personal level was how he built respect and trust from his colleagues, and it became evident early on that he was developing as a leader in the firm. Chas is an exemplary example of the adage that *'Leadership is earned, not given.'*

As Chas' business partner with Braun & Steidl Architects from 2002 until our acquisition into PRIME AE Group in 2018, we have experienced both the good times, but also the lean years. Specifically, during the recession of 2009, holding on to staff was critical, and we asked much from our people in terms of making sacrifices, both personally and monetarily. The trust and respect Chas built through all those years offering his time and being empathetic was invaluable to their retention, as our staff believed in what we asked of them and many chose to stay even when options to leave presented themselves. This example is exemplary of Chas' strong leadership abilities during those tough times as his actions held the firm together and positioned Braun & Steidl Architects for a renaissance as the economy rebounded.

Chas' leadership abilities are evident not only by the success of his firm Braun& Steidl Architects, now part of PRIME AE Group, but by the relationships he has built with those in the firm, AIA leadership at all levels, his community, his clients, and his colleagues, in many instances, far beyond the professional level. His leadership has not only elevated our profession, but at the same time he has elevated all of us. It is with utmost enthusiasm that I strongly recommend Charles L. Schreckenberger be the recipient of the 2026 AIA Ohio Gold Medal.

Sincerely,

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SUBJECT: Charles (Chas) Schreckenberger FAIA and the AIA Ohio Gold Medal

Dear Awards Committee Members:

Chas highly deserves this honor from AIA Ohio. His exemplary work and personal manner have influenced the lives of many people for the better—clients, students, fellow architects, parishioners, family members, friends, and communities in Ohio and beyond.

It was my privilege and pleasure to work alongside Chas during our terms as members of the national board of directors of the American Institute of Architects. Chas quickly earned respect as one of our most knowledgeable and dependable board members. He has served selflessly, with distinction, at every level of the AIA, consistently applying his experience and sense of duty to the challenges at hand.

His outstanding professionalism and integrity also propelled Chas to senior leadership in an accomplished, widely admired professional design practice. He enhanced the stature of the firm, founded by architects known for their love of buildings and cities. Chas added to the firm's exceptional reputation; his quiet and steady approach to management won the loyalty of colleagues, employees, clients, and contractors alike. He led the firm to prosper.

Chas has encouraged laypersons, students, teachers, and public officials to value architecture and built cultural heritage. His sense of purpose has moved others to serve their communities and organizations. He has set an extraordinary standard for leadership and service, and I know firsthand the value of his contributions.

Awarding Chas Schreckenberger the AIA Ohio Gold Medal will lend honor to our profession and to AIA Ohio itself—he personifies precisely the character and achievements I understand this distinction is intended to recognize.

Respectfully,

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5.0 LETTERS OF SUPPORT

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June 22, 2026

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Re: AIA Ohio Gold Medal Nomination - Chas Schreckenberger, FAIA

Dear Members of the AIA Ohio Honor Awards Jury:

I am honored to offer my full and enthusiastic support for the nomination of Chas Schreckenberger, FAIA, for the 2026 AIA Ohio Gold Medal. Chas has earned the respect and admiration of his peers through a career defined by professional achievement, sustained service, and leadership that has elevated architecture at the local, state, and national levels.

It is rare to find an architect who excels equally in practice and service. Chas has done both with consistency, integrity, humility, and purpose. I have known Chas for many years-first through Kent State University's College of Architecture and Environmental Design, then through his work with Braun & Steidl and PRIME A/E, and later through his leadership in AIA Akron, AIA Ohio, and on the AIA National Board of Directors. In each setting, he has demonstrated the best qualities of our profession: thoughtful judgment, uncommon determination, a willingness to serve, and the ability to lead by example.

Chas' impact extends well beyond the offices and organizations in which he has served. His leadership has strengthened the profession by advancing the value of architects in our communities, supporting the AIA, and encouraging others to take on meaningful service roles. He is a servant leader in the truest sense-quietly effective, generous with his time, and deeply committed to the people and organizations he serves.

On a personal level, I have benefited from Chas' guidance in my own AIA leadership and practice. He has been a mentor, a model of service, and an example of an architect whose influence extends beyond individual accomplishment. His career reflects the lasting impact the Gold Medal is intended to recognize: leadership and service that broaden and elevate our profession.

AIA Ohio could not select a more deserving candidate for the 2026 AIA Ohio Gold Medal. I support Chas Schreckenberger's nomination without reservation and with deep respect for his lasting contributions to AIA Ohio, the American Institute of Architects, and the profession. He represents exactly the caliber of architect this honor was created to recognize.

Respectfully submitted,

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AIA College of Fellows Regional Representative

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THE SUMMIT COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF AKRON, OHIO™
History Within Reach

June 15, 2026

Dear Members of the AIA Ohio Honor Awards Jury:

It is my honor to write you today in recommendation of Chas Schreckenberger, a man that I hold with the highest regard as an architect, board director, community leader, and family man. It has been my pleasure to work with Chas since 2002 when his firm was selected to restore the exterior of my agency's Perkins Stone Mansion, the home of Akron's and Summit County's founding family and site on the National Register of Historic Places. Chas became a director on the board of Summit County Historical Society of Akron, OH (SCHS) in 2018. I have admired his work for years and I was very aware of his leadership watching the success of the Weathervane Theatre and its expansion with Chas' guidance along with restoration efforts at Stan Hywet Hall and Gardens, a National Landmark in our city, and the Hartong barn in the City of Green.

When his two terms were completed (8 years), Chas was granted emeritus status by the SCHS board. He continued to participate in programming and support the Society as a donor and volunteer. He was again asked to take on a leadership role two years later with our organization stepping in as the board vice president where he continues to serve. Actually, with Chas, it is always a family affair. Where he goes, so does his wife Kim and children. Their impact on SCHS is truly astounding from committee and nomination leadership to programming guidance and weekly volunteerism. Examples of Chas' contributions include the following:

- Principal at Braun & Steidl during the restoration of the Perkins Stone Mansion;
- SCHS properties committee from 2018 – present (chair from 2018-2024) guiding the restoration and rehabilitation of the John Brown House, a site on the National Park Service Underground Railroad Network to Freedom, through two State of Ohio biennium cycles with the OFCC;
- Summit County Sacred Structures tours where he shared with attendees his role restoring local churches throughout the county;
- Rubber City Road Rally co-chair, participant, sponsor and committee member;
- Mutton Hill Quilt Show volunteers for annual art quilt exhibition in the John S. Knight Center;
- Summit County Centennial donor for the agency's 100th anniversary.

Chas is a rare individual whose passion for community is illustrated through his fingers as he drafts works that preserve landmarks and his heart as he builds (and restores) structures and residents, and in some cases congregations, to come together for a higher purpose. While Chas has honed his architectural skills over the years, he is immediately welcomed at the table for that knowledge and the respect he has earned with his hard work, humanity, humor and humility.

Sincerely,

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