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CHICAGO DINNERS DIALOGUE PROJECT

*Jane Addams Hull House Association to host “Livable Wage in Chicago”
Chicago Dinners Dialogue Project on September 28, 2006*

CHICAGO (September 21, 2006) – Jane Addams Hull House Association will host the **Chicago Dinners Dialogue Project**, a free dinner that fosters critical community discussions about racism, classism and other challenging topics on September 28, 2006 at Grace Place at 637 S. Dearborn Street from 6 p.m.-9 p.m.

Participants will discuss the **livable wage in Chicago** and the need to create a plan to improve the lives of Chicagoans who do not earn a wage that covers daily expenses, and therefore continue to be impoverished although they are employed.

- How much does it really cost to live in Chicago?
- Will the Chicago living wage ordinance shrink the labor market?
- Will retail giants relocate to the suburbs?
- How will the living wage ordinance benefit Chicagoans?

“The Chicago Dinners Dialogue Project has proven to be the place where needed conversations on critical issues occur,” said Clarence Wood, President & CEO of Jane Addams Hull House Association and Chairman of the Chicago Commission on Human Relations. “The current focus on the livable wage will inform elected officials and policy makers of the public’s opinion on what is needed to improve the status of some of Chicago’s neediest citizens.”

More than 12,000 people have participated in the free dinner series since its inception in 1995 by the Human Relations Foundation, a subsidiary of the Chicago Community Trust. This dialogue model has been adopted by other cities, such as Minneapolis, Minn.; San Francisco, Calif.; Flint, Mich.; South Bend, Ind.; and Ottawa Hills, Ohio.

Please RSVP to the special events hotline at 312-235-5384 or e-mail register@hullhouse.org

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