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March 10, 2011

Re: AAHF Memorial Fund - Martin H. Cohen Initiative

Dear Colleague,

As a longtime colleague and friend of Marty Cohen, you already know about the important contributions that he made to our profession and to the AIA Academy of Architecture for Health. His unwavering commitment to our organization and other professional groups, has substantially contributed to the success of architecture for health facilities as an entire industry. In addition to his professional contributions, Marty's wry humor and the friendships that he and Arline gave to us were part of the camaraderie that has made being part of the Academy so special.

In cooperation with his family and friends, the Academy of Architecture for Health Foundation is seeking your support in establishing a special initiative within the AAHF Memorial Fund. We have established a named initiative on behalf of Marty, for the purpose of assisting students and other emerging professionals to attend national healthcare design-related meetings, or other programs that would reflect Marty's longstanding interest in the future of the AIA Academy of Architecture for Health.

While we would gladly accept any donation that you could provide, please consider a gift in an amount to help us ensure that this will be an initiative appropriate to the impact that Marty Cohen has had to both our organization and to our industry at large.

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Your generous gift is tax deductible as allowed by law, and you will receive an acknowledged tax receipt.

Attached is a brief biographical summary of Marty Cohen's illustrious career, written by his longtime colleague and friend, Tib Tusler, FAIA, FACHA.

We thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "DM", with a large loop at the top and a horizontal line at the bottom.

David N. Moon, FAIA, FACHA

2011 President, Academy of Architecture for Health Foundation

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*Marty pictured alongside Arline at his acceptance of the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American College of Healthcare Architects.*

## **Martin H. Cohen, FAIA, FACHA**

Martin H. Cohen, born in Brooklyn, New York on April 17, 1932, passed away on December 8th, 2010 at Waterbury Hospital in Connecticut following cardiac complications. Martin attended Brooklyn Technical High School, Cooper Union and MIT's School of Architecture, where he graduated co-valedictorian in 1954 and spent the following year in Italy on a Fulbright Scholarship. He spent the first 25 years of his career with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill in New York. He left the firm as an Associate Partner to join Stone, Marraccini & Patterson as the CEO of the firm's New York office. Later, he was a principal with Ellerbe Associates New York Offices and then became a consultant to owners, architects, and developers for the remainder of his career,

Marty volunteered to lead many professional groups and he received many awards and public of recognition for his skill as a leader and his selfless devotion to the profession. He served as Chairman or President of the following organizations and committees:

- AIA Academy of Architecture for Health (AAH),
- AIA/AAH Taskforce on VA Facility Development Process,
- AIA/AAH Task Force on Health Policy Reform
- Forum for Healthcare Planning
- Facility Guidelines Committee (various roles for 14 years)
- AIA Committee on Historic Resources
- AIA/ACSA Council on Architectural Research
- AIA Design for Ageing Community
- AIA New York State Committee on Architecture for Health

Marty also served as faculty for 11 regional Health Facility Guidelines workshops for the 1996 edition and faculty for 10 regional workshops for the 2000 edition.

During his career, Marty served as chair or member of 15 professional juries in judging projects in the fields of healthcare and ageing. With all his pro bono activities Martin managed to complete at least 160 projects in these fields.

Martin has received many awards for his service including Fellowship in the American Institute of Architects and in the American College of Healthcare Architects; the Schweinburg Fellowship, The Cooper Union; the Rotch Prize in Architecture, MIT; the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society, MIT; the Mathew W. DelGaudio Award for outstanding continuous service to the architectural profession, awarded twice; and, the Lifetime Achievement Award (Hamilton Award) from the American College of Healthcare Architects.

Martin's ethical values and his selfless devotion to the profession so generously given, often at considerable personal and financial sacrifice, are among the highest obtainable. He was a true leader in both the fields of healthcare architecture and gerontology.

Martin is survived by his wife of 54 years Arline, his sons Bruce, Paul and Adam.

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