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HCBA Announces Call for “Tales from the Bungalow Belt” *Stories to be Released at 4th Annual Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Bungalow Awards*

CHICAGO (September 17th, 2008) – Some of the City’s most famous, influential and interesting residents have called Historic Chicago Bungalows home since their boom nearly a century ago. Nearly 20 years before he was first elected Mayor in 1955, Richard J Daley moved into a Chicago Bungalow in Bridgeport where he lived and raised his children until 1976. The original owner of one West Ridge Bungalow built in 1927 was Illinois State boxing commissioner Samuel Luzzo, a union kingpin who was charged with fixing a match featuring star boxer Jack Dempsey.

Stories of famous firsts, past homeowners of influence or fame, neighborhood change or history, and memories of growing up in the famed Bungalow Belt – these are some of the stories the Historic Chicago Bungalow Association hopes to highlight this fall with their new book: “Tales from the Bungalow Belt.”

The HCBA is working to highlight many of the stories that set these historic homes apart from other housing styles across Chicago, and the country. Encompassing more than one-third of the City’s single-family housing stock built between 1910 and 1940, these bungalows represent an important part of Chicago’s history. As immigrants traveled from across Europe to the United States, Chicago began its trek toward being one of the world’s premiere cities. This growth, and the people affected along the way, is some of stories the HCBA will include in the “Tales from the Bungalow Belt.”

“The Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Bungalow Awards have always been about the very best in restoration and rehab – we want to use them to set the stage of the unique history of these homes,” said Annette Conti, Executive Director of the HCBA. “There is nearly a century’s worth of stories for each of the 80,000 Chicago Bungalows in the City. We’re excited to hear what’s out there.”

Stories can be sent to the HCBA in a number of ways. **Homeowners are encouraged to include 2-3 original photographs when submitting their story. Please include your name, address and contact information. The deadline for stories is Monday, October 6th.** Stories and photos can be sent electronically by emailing bungalow@chicagobungalow.org. If photographs are submitted electronically, please

send high resolution (1MB or larger) JPEG files. Nominations and photos can also be mailed to:

The Historic Chicago Bungalow Association

Attn: Tales from the Bungalow Belt

1 N. LaSalle St. 12th Floor

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The special book and best stories will be presented at the 4th Annual Richard H. Driehaus Foundation Bungalow Awards, to be held on Monday, November 10th at the Harold Washington Library, marking an expansion of the event from past years. Famous Chicagoans – from authors to Aldermen – will be on-hand to celebrate Bungalow preservation.

For more information on the Bungalow Awards or HCBA, please visit www.chicagobungalow.org or call (312) 642-9900.

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