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# Jane Addams: A Life of Service

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**B**orn into a wealthy Illinois family with a long history of public service, Jane Addams wondered what she could do to help others. Jane remembered the Chicago slums she had seen as a child, and she thought she might want to open a place that would provide education and recreation to the poor.

Among its many activities, Hull House provided a place for poor immigrant families to play games, listen to poetry readings or take music or painting classes.

Jane Addam's public service didn't stop with Hull House. Jane worked



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opened in 1889.

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**Addams was compassionate because she dedicated her life to helping women,**

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