



# REACH

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### REACH TEAMS UP WITH RENOVATION CONCEPTS TO HELP A SOUTHEAST PORTLAND RESIDENT



PORTLAND, OR – More than 20 local businesses are joining REACH on Saturday, June 5<sup>th</sup> to help a southeast Portland senior make her home safe and livable by donating over \$15,000 worth of home improvement supplies and materials. Volunteers from Renovation Concepts, Portland's leading team of sustainable building and design professionals, are teaming up with REACH Community Development to complete repairs on the home of a recently widowed 68-year-old Richmond neighborhood resident. The homeowner has received several citations from the City for a variety of housing code violations and is currently living in her car. It's just too expensive for her to make the repairs in the current economic downturn.

"This time in my life has been so dark. Working with all these nice, generous people has been a light in my life. There are no words to explain what this means to me," says the homeowner.

The economic downturn has hit Oregon homeowners especially hard, particularly seniors who are struggling to pay their mortgages and continue basic upkeep on their homes. REACH responds to this community need by providing free home repairs for senior homeowners throughout Portland.

Renovation Concepts members AAA Heating & Cooling; Bollinger Window Fashions; Builddesign, LLC; Emma Shea Interiors; Gene Darco Painting; Interstate Flooring Co; JB Construction Inc.; Joan Mullen Woods Interiors; LandServices; Olson & Jones; RailPro USA; Reds Electric; Sofa Table Chair; Stevens Printing; The Whole 9 Yards; and Zion Metal

Works are all donating their time and resources to help this homeowner. “As members of the building and design community in Portland, we are honored to be able to dedicate our time and talents to this project,” says LaDonna Miller, President. “We’re very excited about the opportunity to work with REACH. We sincerely hope our efforts make a difference in this homeowner’s life.”

“REACH is committed to helping Portland’s seniors be able to live safely in their homes,” says Dee Walsh, Executive Director. “We’re thrilled to be partnering with Renovation Concepts, who’re dedicating a very generous amount of their time and resources to provide a vital resource to seniors who can’t afford to keep their homes safe and livable.”

For more information about REACH’s Community Builders Program, please contact Anastasia Howard, Manager, at (503) 519-2099 or visit [www.reachcdc.org](http://www.reachcdc.org)  
For more information about Renovation Concepts, please contact LaDonna Miller, President, at (503) 310-9076, or visit [www.renovationconcepts.net](http://www.renovationconcepts.net)

Since 1982, REACH has been developing and managing affordable housing and providing supportive services to our residents. REACH also sponsors the Community Builders Program, a free home repair program available to low income senior homeowners. Our portfolio of over 1,300 units includes single family homes, apartment buildings and mixed-use developments located across the City of Portland.

Renovation Concepts is a comprehensive resource for consumers searching for top building and design professionals in the Portland Metro area. Renovation Concepts has over 30 professionals to assist homeowners with all of their remodeling, design, landscape and energy efficiency upgrade projects.

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