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REACH CDC Names Kathy Kniep as Interim Executive Director

PORTLAND, Ore. –Sept. 26, 2012—[REACH Community Development](http://reachcdc.org), a nonprofit affordable housing developer, today announced the appointment of Kathy Kniep as interim executive director. Kniep will serve in this role while REACH's board of directors conducts a search for a permanent replacement who will be named sometime in early 2013.

Kniep brings more than twenty years of experience in the nonprofit sector, most recently as a consultant to nonprofit organizations and as an interim executive director for organizations in transition through the Nonprofit Association of Oregon. Prior to this assignment, she served as executive director of the YWCA of Clark County, a Vancouver-based social services organization serving more than 11,000 people each year. Kniep's experience also includes serving as a Program Officer for Neighborhood Partnerships and managing programs for the homeless in New York City. She has served on a variety of boards and advisory councils and holds a master's degree from Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs.

Kniep replaces Dee Walsh, who served as REACH's executive director for the past 22 years. Walsh is leaving REACH to pursue an opportunity with the [Housing Partnership Network](http://housingpartnershipnetwork.org) (HPN) as the executive vice president of peer learning and membership engagement. Under Walsh's leadership, REACH has become one of the most successful and innovative nonprofit housing developers in the Pacific Northwest. During her tenure, REACH developed or preserved 1,200 units of affordable housing, bringing the organization's total portfolio to more than 1,600 units.

About REACH CDC

For 30 years, REACH has built innovative and affordable housing for low-income families and individuals in the Portland metropolitan region. REACH develops and manages affordable housing and provides supportive services to our residents, as well as free home repairs to senior homeowners. Today, REACH's portfolio includes 1,600 units including single family homes, apartment buildings and mixed-use developments located across the region. REACH has won numerous state and national awards for its creative approach to building healthy communities and its innovative housing projects. Oregon Business Magazine has ranked REACH in the Top 10 Nonprofits to Work For in the state of Oregon for the last three years. More information available at <http://reachcdc.org>.

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