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**REACH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CELEBRATES THE
GRAND RE-OPENING OF THE MAPLES APARTMENTS**

Renovations help 51 senior citizens stay healthy in their homes

PORTLAND, Ore. – June 4, 2012—[REACH Community Development](#), a local nonprofit affordable housing developer, today celebrates the grand re-opening of the Maples Apartments, two affordable apartment buildings located in Hillsboro, OR providing homes to 51 senior citizens. A garden party celebrating the completion of renovations is taking place on **Monday, June 4th from 9:30 – 10:30 am at 1135 SE Maples in Hillsboro.**

REACH acquired the Maples Apartments in 2010, consisting of two buildings that provide housing for seniors living on fixed incomes. The apartment's prime location is close to the senior center, public transit, shopping and restaurants. The Maples Apartments offer subsidized rental units for those who are age 62 or older. Under REACH's ownership, the properties will retain their rent subsidies for decades to come. Renovations totaling \$1.4 m have been completed and focused primarily on improving accessibility and upgrading the building's envelope. REACH partnered with [Constructing Hope](#), a local construction apprenticeship program, to construct fourteen raised garden beds on the property, providing increased access to healthy food and exercise options for the tenants.

"REACH is proud to be able to help keep senior citizens in Washington County in safe and affordable housing," says Dee Walsh, Executive Director. "Renovations at the Maples Apartments should help residents save money on energy bills, and provide a more livable community."

There is a growing need for affordable housing for seniors in Washington County as our population continues to age. Just over half, or 54%, of low to moderate income older adults living in the county have some form of housing problem. Cost-burdened older adults in rental housing are a particularly vulnerable population in the county, according to the recently published Washington County Consolidated Plan. Given the rising cost of health care, a necessity for many older adults in particular, the likely vulnerability of these cost-burdened renters is particularly concerning.

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Project partners include the [Washington County Office of Community Development](#), [Oregon Housing and Community Services](#), [NeighborWorks® America](#), [Oregon Housing Acquisition Program](#), [the U S Department of Housing and Urban Development](#), and [Constructing Hope](#). The development team includes Community Housing Inc. (a subsidiary of REACH), [LMC Construction](#), and [Carleton Hart Architecture](#).

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 1,400 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. More information is available at <http://reachcdc.org>.

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