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REACH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RANKED AMONG THE TOP TEN NONPROFITS IN OREGON



September 30, 2009 – On the evening of September 29, amidst a glittering crowd and with words of inspiration from former Governor Barbara Roberts, REACH Community Development received top honors from *Oregon Business* magazine as one of the Top 10 Best Nonprofits to Work for in Oregon.

Based on their 17 year old recognized 100 Best rankings project, this year *Oregon Business* launched the “100 Best Nonprofits to Work For in Oregon” to recognize nonprofits as key businesses who are critical to the economic health of the state, and employ hundreds of thousands of Oregonians. More than 6,700 employees from over 200 nonprofits organizations around Oregon participated in the survey. Registered nonprofits with a minimum of ten employees were eligible to participate.

Being a great place to work is just as important to nonprofit organizations as it is for for-profit companies. And REACH is no exception. As one employee said, “*I have never worked for a better organization. REACH is where I want to be for the rest of my career.*” With generous benefits, a collaborative, professional work environment, and a focus on achieving excellence, REACH sets the standard in Oregon. For employees, it’s not just that REACH is a fun place to come to work everyday. It’s REACH’s mission to create healthy communities and transform lives that brings our staff, board, and hundreds of volunteers together.

For 27 years, REACH has been building innovative and affordable housing for low-income families and individuals in the Portland area. REACH develops and manages affordable housing and provides supportive services to our residents, as well as free home repairs to senior homeowners. Today, our portfolio includes single family homes, apartment buildings and mixed-use developments located across the City of Portland. Currently, REACH owns over 1,300 units of housing. REACH has won numerous state and national awards for our creative approach to building healthy communities and our innovative housing projects.

Being recognized as one of the Top 10 Best Nonprofits to Work for in Oregon is a high honor. “*REACH is very special to me. We have a clear mission with focused goals toward achieving excellence. I look forward to new challenges as we continue to address this critical basic need,*” says Board Chair Ruth Ann Tsukuda. REACH thanks our dedicated staff, Board of Directors, and hundreds of volunteers for helping us achieve this honor. Please visit www.reachcdc.org to learn more about REACH and how you can become involved.

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