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**REACH COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PARTNERS WITH  
LOCAL GROUPS TO PROVIDE CRITICAL HOME REPAIRS  
DURING NEIGHBORWORKS WEEK**

**Portland, Ore.**— REACH, a local nonprofit community development organization, is bringing local businesses and community volunteers together to provide free home repairs to senior homeowners; helping them to stay in their homes and our communities longer.

REACH will be working in the Lents neighborhood, as part of this week-long celebration of neighborhood revitalization activities nationally recognized as NeighborWorks Week. During NeighborWorks Week (June 3-10), REACH and other NeighborWorks organizations across the country will mobilize tens of thousands of residents, business people and government officials in a week of neighborhood change and awareness, including painting and landscaping properties, recognizing successful partnerships and hosting a number of events that educate, train and inform.

The two local beneficiaries of this NeighborWorks Week have both lived in the Lents community for over 20 years. For one homeowner, Bremik Construction will volunteer to provide the skilled labor and donated materials and services from Duke Excavation, LaRusso Concrete and Cudahy Lumber to install an extensive accessibility ramp, allowing the senior homeowner to age safely and independently in her home and remain in the Lents neighborhood. For the second homeowner, volunteers from Grainger will install an accessibility ramp and provide a full exterior house paint, with paint donated by Miller Paint. Through grant funding from the Portland Housing Bureau, REACH has also provided critical plumbing, electrical, and healthy homes repairs for these senior homeowners.

“REACH is thrilled to work with Bremik Construction and Grainger for Neighborworks Week. Their support will help these homeowners age safely in their homes, further advancing the City’s plan to support existing homeowners in the Lents neighborhood that is gentrifying rapidly,” says CEO Dan Valliere. “We believe that helping our senior neighbors is what builds strong communities, and we can do more when we partner together.”

REACH has a new development coming to the Lents neighborhood, offering more affordable housing opportunities in this community. REACH’s 72 and Foster development, slated to break ground summer of 2017, will include 101 units of affordable homes and is designed as an intergenerational, mixed-use building serving the diverse Asian Community. Bremik is also working in the Lents community on the Prosper Portland’s 9101 Foster, scheduled for completion in Fall 2017, a four-story apartment building with 54 market-rate and affordable housing units.

REACH is a member of the national NeighborWorks network, an affiliation of more than 240 nonprofit organizations located in every state, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. In 2016,

the NeighborWorks network helped 360,000 individuals and families with affordable housing and counseling. The NeighborWorks network was founded and is supported by NeighborWorks America, which creates opportunities for people to live in affordable homes, improve their lives and strengthen their communities.

#### **About NeighborWorks America**

For more than 35 years, NeighborWorks America, a national, nonpartisan nonprofit, has created opportunities for people to improve their lives and strengthen their communities by providing access to homeownership and to safe and affordable rental housing. In the last five years, NeighborWorks organizations have generated more than \$27.2 billion in reinvestment in these communities. NeighborWorks America is the nation's leading trainer of community development and affordable housing professionals.

#### **About REACH Community Development**

Since 1982, REACH has built innovative and affordable housing for low-income families and individuals in the 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 2,200 units including single family homes, apartment buildings and mixed-use developments located across the City of Portland. REACH has won numerous state and national awards for its creative approach to building healthy communities and its innovative housing projects. More information available at [reachcdc.org](http://reachcdc.org).

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