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Well Arts and Portland Actors Conservatory Produce Portland Seniors' Stories

REACH Seniors Honored in Slipped Inbetween Things Performance

PORTLAND, Ore., December 2, 2012— Well Arts brings professional actors to perform oral histories collected in interviews from low-income seniors at REACH Community Development, in the performance Slipped Inbetween Things running Jan 4-12 Fridays at 7:30 and Saturdays at 2pm at Portland Actors' Conservatory's Historic Firehouse Theatre, 1436 Southwest Montgomery Street, tickets \$8 preorder, \$10 at the door, \$5 students. The Giving Tree, a nonprofit that creates art with residents in a variety of low-income residences will have an art showing in the lobby throughout the run.

Well Arts initiated a 6 week Voices of Our Elders workshop at REACH to help connect residents with each other, and with the Portland Community. The program trains volunteers to scribe elders' stories, and each Monday scribes and elders stuff themselves into the community room to paint, draw, and tell stories. The program employs elder professional actors to deliver elder-centered stories to the Portland metro-area. Well Arts is a collective of professional artists who use ensemble-driven theatre performances to give a cultural voice to silent communities in Portland, honoring the members of our community who face extraordinary life circumstances, and promote healing through art and creativity.

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 1,607 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>.

About Wells Art Institute

More information is available at www.wellarts.org. The Well Arts Institute is an eleven year old arts-in-healthcare non-profit serving the Portland Metro Area with the mission "to explore, develop and practice creativity as a means of wellness". Well Arts Institute works with people facing end-of-life and life-altering health issues, bringing artists and the general public to support them and celebrate their stories.

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