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REACH Announces Gift of \$100,000 from Rick and Erika Miller

Largest individual gift in history to support affordable housing programs

PORTLAND, OR – November 11, 2014 – Today, REACH CDC announced a gift of \$100,000 from Rick and Erika Miller to support their affordable housing and supportive programs. This is the largest individual gift in REACH's history. It will be used to provide emergency rental assistance, enhance summer programs for children, and plan future service options for the growing number of senior citizens living throughout REACH's 1,892 homes located in the Portland metropolitan region.

Erika Miller has been a long-time volunteer and supporter of REACH. Her husband, Rick Miller, is a sixth-generation Oregonian and founder of the Avamere health-care companies and co-founder of equity firm Rogue Venture Partners. Their blended family resides in Lake Oswego Oregon. In 2013, they received the prestigious Simon Benson Award on behalf of Portland State University recognizing their philanthropic work.

"The positive impact of the REACH communities and services are immeasurable, not only for those served by REACH programs, but equally for those who have the opportunity to serve," said Erika. "We are pleased to be a part of the REACH community and to support the mission to provide quality affordable housing and opportunities for individuals, families and communities to thrive."

"We are so grateful to the Miller's for their generous support of REACH," said CEO Dan Valliere. "Their support of our work says volumes about their belief that everyone in our community deserves a safe and decent place to call home. Oregon is lucky to count the Miller's among key supporters of affordable housing in our state."

About REACH CDC

For 32 years, REACH has built innovative and affordable housing for low-income families and individuals in the Portland metropolitan region. In 2013, REACH acquired Affordable Community Environments as a subsidiary corporation. REACH develops and manages affordable housing and provides supportive services to residents, as well as free home repairs to senior homeowners. Today, REACH's portfolio includes 1,892 units including single family homes, apartment buildings, and mixed-use developments located across Multnomah, Washington and Clark counties. REACH has won numerous state and national awards for its creative approach to building healthy communities and its innovative housing projects. More information at <http://reachcdc.org>.