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**REACH Chosen as One of the Top Nonprofits  
to Work For in Oregon**

REACH Community Development, a Portland-based nonprofit that provides affordable housing for individuals and families, has received high honors from *OregonBusiness* magazine's "100 Best Nonprofits to Work For in Oregon" project for the third consecutive year. This year, REACH was named the second best nonprofit in the state of Oregon in the large organization category.

Based on the 100 Best rankings project, in 2009 *OregonBusiness* launched the 100 Best Nonprofits to Work For in Oregon project to recognize nonprofits as key businesses critical to the economic health of the state, which employ thousands of Oregonians. More than 5,500 employees from 170 nonprofits throughout Oregon participated in this year's survey which evaluates a variety of categories including work environment, management and communication, career development and learning. 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 to for-profit companies. And REACH is no exception. Employees at REACH enjoy potlucks, birthday luncheons and picnics hosted by the nonprofit's 'Sunshine Committee,' and appreciate the flexibility of the workplace, along with management's willingness to listen.

"I'm thankful to work for a company that keeps raising the bar for achievement. I've worked for a number of companies in Portland, and REACH is by far the most supportive of its staff and residents," says Nick Yuva, Building Manager.

With generous benefits, a collaborative, professional work environment and a focus on achieving excellence, REACH sets the standard for workplace satisfaction in Oregon. For

employees, it's not just that REACH is a good place to come to work every day—it's REACH's mission to create healthy communities and transform lives is one that resonates with them and brings extra job satisfaction.

“We're very excited to be chosen as one of the best nonprofits to work for in the state,” says Dee Walsh, Executive Director. “The 100 Best Project has provided management with great employee feedback that we use to continuously improve our work environment. It's a privilege to work with a team so dedicated to excellence.”

### **About REACH Community Development**

For 29 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 nearly 1,400 units including single family homes, apartment buildings and mixed-use developments located across the Portland metropolitan region. REACH has won numerous state and national awards for our creative approach to building healthy communities and our innovative housing projects. Visit <http://reachcdc.org> for more information.

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