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REACH Community Development Celebrates 30 Years of Providing Affordable Housing to Area Residents

Nonprofit expects to house over 1,700 Oregonians in 2012

PORTLAND, Ore., January 12, 2012— [REACH Community Development](#), a nonprofit that provides affordable housing and supportive services for individuals and families, will celebrate its 30th anniversary this year. Over the past three decades REACH has grown to be one of Oregon's most successful and respected affordable housing developers, helping thousands of low-income Oregonians find safe and stable homes.

"REACH is proud to celebrate this milestone event," said REACH's Executive Director Dee Walsh. "For 30 years we have recognized that affordable housing is a cornerstone of personal and community well-being and when it is not available is cause for great concern. That is why REACH remains committed to improving the affordability and livability of the Portland region for all members of the community."

REACH enters 2012 with an ambitious growth plan that includes the construction and perseveration of several hundred units of affordable housing and the expansion of its home repair program. Thanks to two new grants from the [U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development](#), administered through the [City of Portland](#) and Multnomah County, REACH will expand its free home repair program, [Community Builders](#) to improve approximately 300 homes a year in the Portland metropolitan area. These grants will allow REACH to assist families living in sub-standard housing and those experiencing unhealthy housing conditions, such as homes containing radon or homes that aggravate asthma.

The nonprofit's real estate portfolio now includes 1,400 units including single family homes, apartment buildings and mixed-use developments located throughout the Portland Metro area. REACH will complete construction in late 2012 on a \$50 million housing project located in the South Waterfront, known as Block 49. Block 49 is REACH's largest housing project to date consisting of 209 new apartments for low-income Oregonians; 42 of which will be designated for veterans.



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Additional upcoming real estate projects include a mixed-use development being jointly created by Human Solutions and Ride Connection in the Gateway/Glisan district. The Glisan Commons building will provide 120 new apartments to low-income Oregonians with construction scheduled to begin in 2013.

In 2013, REACH will also break ground on a 60 unit workforce housing development at the Orenco MAX station in Hillsboro.

About REACH Community Development

For 30 years, 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 1,400 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 is available at <http://reachcdc.org>.

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