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**REACH Community Development Mourns the Loss
of Philanthropist John Gray**

Gray's Legacy Lives on at Gray's Landing

PORTLAND, Ore. – October 19, 2012—[REACH Community Development](#), a local nonprofit affordable housing developer, today mourns the passing of John Gray, Oregon philanthropist and developer, at age 93. Earlier this year, REACH named its new 209-unit development at the South Waterfront in honor of Mr. Gray's longstanding support of affordable housing and contributions to the built environment in Oregon. Gray's Landing will serve low-income residents as well as homeless military veterans.

Mr. Gray is best known for his Oregon and Washington resort developments including the [Salishan Lodge](#), the [Skamania Lodge](#) and the [Sunriver Resort](#). He is also a major philanthropist in Oregon, giving to a number of worthy causes, including cancer research, educational programs and affordable housing. In Portland, Gray pioneered the transformation of the Willamette Riverfront with the development of [Johns Landing](#), Portland's first riverside residential and commercial development. Additionally, he is a decorated veteran. He served with the Army's 82nd Airborne Division during WWII, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and receiving a Bronze Star for his service.

"I am humbled that REACH and the city commissioner have chosen to name this important housing development after me," said John Gray. "As a veteran, it is an honor to have my name attached to a project that will offer fellow veterans and others in need affordable housing in such a beautiful part of the city."

Mr. Gray was a wonderful human being and a pioneer for Oregon. Plans for services have not yet been finalized. Our thanks to the Gray family who asked that donations be sent to Habitat for Humanity, REACH CDC, or another charity in lieu of flowers.

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 1,400 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>.