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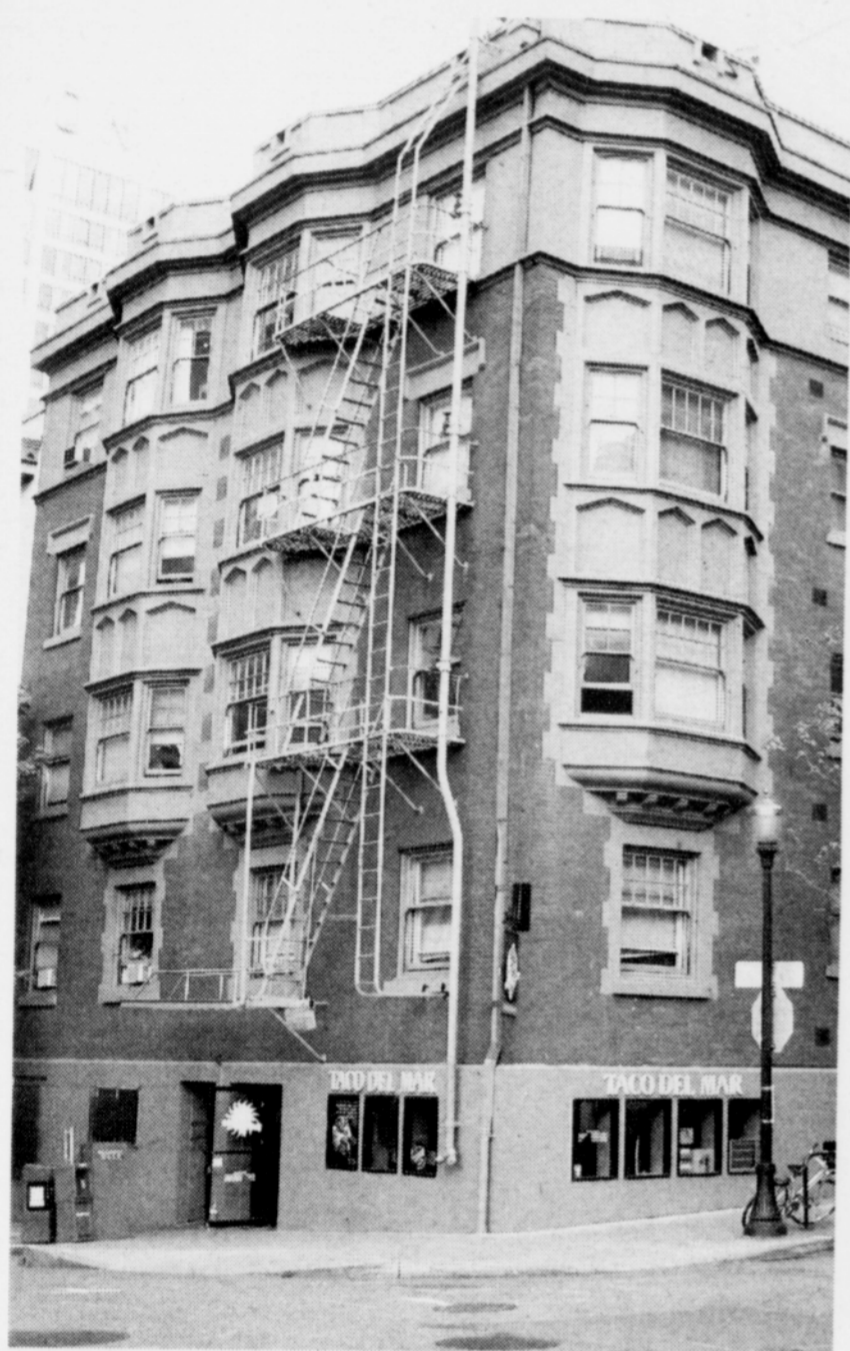
## Downtown Treasure for Elderly, Disabled

Historic building preserved as affordable option

Other new features Mulvey appreciates are the raised Braille markings throughout, new intercom and elevator systems, and easier-to-navigate hallways. The building is located within three blocks of MAX light rail service, the Portland Streetcar, the Park Blocks, and the Central

Library. It also features several new green features. The Admiral, placed on the historic registry in 1990, was originally built in 1909 as a five story, brick Tudor

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Thanks to REACH Community Development and partnerships with government, private and non-profit agencies, the historical Admiral Apartments, downtown, was renovated and retained as a home to elderly and disabled citizens living on fixed incomes.

REACH Community Development is celebrating the grand Re-Opening of the Admiral Apartments, a 37-unit historic apartment building located in the heart of downtown.

Home to elderly and disabled citizens living on fixed incomes, the city identified the Admiral as one of 11 Portland area properties in danger of losing their affordable HUD Section 8 rents. In order to preserve and maintain much-needed affordable homes for downtown seniors, REACH purchased the building and oversaw a substantial renovation in 2009.

One of the Admiral's long-time residents, Mike Mulvey, knows just how wonderful it's been to move back into a completely renovated apartment. Mulvey was one of the residents REACH temporarily relocated while performing a substantial renovation on the building.

"I knew this was home," Mulvey says. "It took being away from it. I kept imagining being back here, and trying to remember all the little nooks and crannies."

For Mulvey, his new apartment features much more light, an important feature as he is blind. He says he gets "a real sense of strong energy" from the natural light of his new apartment. "Light is more than just seeing it," Mulvey says. "When it hits your skin, it makes you feel better."

# Inspiration

We're all about that.

*I'm 35 and thought I was quite old to be at PCC. But every day I see students who are older than me, and it inspires me to succeed in my goals.*

*Chandra  
Future Social Worker*



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