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A volunteer crew from the non-profit affordable housing developer REACH.

Home Repairs for Senior Homeowners

Non-profit holds 24th paint and repair-a-thon

REACH Community Development, a local nonprofit affordable housing developer, joined nearly 300 community volunteers on Saturday for their 24th annual paint and repair-a-thon.

Volunteers provided critical repairs including plumbing, electrical, carpentry and basic health-safety repairs for low income seniors and disabled Portlanders.

The paint and repair-a-thon event was part of REACH's Community Builders Program, a year-round effort designed to help seniors "age in place," giving them the ability to live in their own home and community safely, independently, and comfortably, regardless of age, income, or ability level.

The goal was to address significant public health concerns due to sub-standard and unsafe housing conditions, improving the quality of each recipient's life and helping homeowners avoid displacement, all the while bringing neighbors and area businesses together in the spirit of volunteerism.

"REACH is committed to helping Portland's seniors live safely in their homes," says Dan Valliere, the organization's

chief executive officer. "We're thrilled to be partnering with the local business community, who are dedicating a very generous amount of their time, resources, and employees to help senior citizens stay safe in their homes."

Support for the came from local business and civic partners, including Advantis Credit Union; Always Electric; Almar Construction; Bank of America; Bank of the West; Bremik Construction; JP Morgan Chase; The Home Depot Foundation; IBEW Local 48; Lifetime Windows & Doors; LMC Construction; Milgard Windows & Doors; Miller Paint; The Portland Housing Bureau; Walsh Construction; and Wells Fargo.