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With support from Boeing, Neighborhood House and Renton Technical College partner to improve healthcare career access for low income Renton residents

Renton, WA — Neighborhood House, a social service agency serving King County, and Renton Technical College (RTC), have been awarded a \$90,000 grant from Boeing to help low-income Renton residents access living wage careers in the high demand healthcare sector.

The Healthcare Careers for Renton Residents project addresses the need for living wage jobs in Renton, and will focus on serving residents in the Sunset Area. The project will work to address the needs of healthcare employers by creating a skilled workforce that better reflects the diversity of Renton residents.

Healthcare is the second largest industry sector in Renton, behind manufacturing. The sector allows for advancement over time and includes options for residents with varying skill and education levels.

“Boeing’s partnership with Neighborhood House and grant of \$90,000 is a significant investment for the Sunset area,” said Renton Mayor Denis Law. “This will help residents of the Sunset Neighborhood enroll in and complete post-secondary training programs and attain careers in the healthcare sector. I am extremely grateful for Boeing’s ongoing leadership and investment in our community.”

This project is an expansion of Neighborhood House’s employment and adult education work in the healthcare sector. Since 2011, Neighborhood House has helped more than 1,500 people find jobs, of which 24% were in healthcare.

Together, Neighborhood House and RTC will provide wrap-around education and career navigation services to 37 low-income Renton job seekers. Services will include career exploration assistance, academic enrollment and retention assistance, access to support services and financial aid, and job placement services.

Additionally, Neighborhood House and RTC will conduct a community needs assessment to better understand the educational and employment needs of low-income residents in Renton’s Sunset Area. This assessment, along with outcomes from the Healthcare Careers for Renton Residents project, will help both organizations plan for career training in the Sunset Area and for other low-income job seekers in Renton.

About Neighborhood House

From our earliest beginnings serving Jewish immigrants in the 1900s to our work today with people from numerous countries and cultures, Neighborhood House has helped generations of families fulfill the promise of America — an education for their children, self-sufficiency

for their families and a meaningful place in a caring community. Serving over 12,000 King County residents each year, our mission is to partner with diverse individuals and families to build community and achieve their goals for health, education and self-sufficiency.

About Renton Technical College

The mission of Renton Technical College is to prepare a diverse student population for work, fulfilling the employment needs of individuals, business, and industry. In 2015, RTC was recognized as one of the top 10 community colleges in the nation by the Aspen Institute. For more information visit www.RTC.edu.

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