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Neighborhood House Searches for a New Executive Director

Seattle, Washington, January, 2019—Neighborhood House, one of the oldest social service agencies in the Puget Sound region, has announced the search for an Executive Director. Current Executive Director Mark Okazaki will retire in the fall of 2019 after 18 years of service to the organization.

The Neighborhood House Board of Trustees, engaging a broad range of stakeholders to inform their selection and transition process for a new Executive Director, will begin a comprehensive search for a new leader on January 2, 2019, with the successful candidate in place by the fall of 2019.

As a multiservice organization serving over 14,000 of our region's immigrant, refugee and low-income community members each year, Neighborhood House operates at 36 locations throughout King County. Under Okazaki's leadership, the organization has quadrupled its budget from \$5 million to \$20 million, bringing services to some of King County's most isolated residents and underserved communities. This includes a wide range of community health, employment, housing stability and homelessness prevention services, and a significant expansion of early learning programs.

“During my time at Neighborhood House we have accomplished a lot and I am filled with pride every day.” said Okazaki. “We have a deeply committed Board of Trustees, a strong leadership team, passionate and dedicated staff, and effective management and financial systems in place. But there is much more to be done to help our neighbors reach their full potential—so finding a successor who will bring energy and passion to this organization and our community is essential. Our Board is ready and prepared for this transition and when the time comes, I have great confidence that they will find an excellent leader who will immediately pick up where I left off.”

The new Executive Director of Neighborhood House will have the opportunity to partner with several diverse communities, a passionate staff, and a highly engaged Board of Trustees to disrupt poverty, inequality and injustice. Current and emerging leaders are [encouraged to apply](#) by February 17, 2019.