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After 111 years, Neighborhood House continues the fight to end poverty with support from the Community Action Partnership

SEATTLE — Throughout the month of May, Neighborhood House is celebrating Community Action Month, dedicated to recognizing the success of the national Community Action Network that fights poverty across the United States.

“We are proud to be one of 30 Community Action Agencies in Washington state and more than 1,100 across the country who empower low-income families to achieve self-sufficiency,” said Mark Okazaki, executive director, Neighborhood House.

“Community Action Month is an excellent time to honor and celebrate the impact Neighborhood House and our Washington State Community Action Partnership has in the lives of families and communities across the country. Our work changes lives and strengthens our entire community.”

Neighborhood House operates more than 30 programs in the areas of early childhood education, youth development, family and social services, housing stability, employment and adult education, aging and disability services, and community health.

Some highlights of our work in 2016 include the following:

- **12,395** individuals served in **27** locations throughout King County
- **621** percent of those served were immigrants who spoke **67** different languages
- Wraparound services to more than **1,700** adults, with **240** receiving job readiness training, **316** placed in jobs, and **132** finding permanent housing

According to the National Association for State Community Service Programs’ 2016 Annual Report, 165,530 unemployed individuals obtained jobs through the services provided by Community Action Agencies. Neighborhood House, established in 1906, is a member of the Community Action Network, originally created in 1964 by President Lyndon B. Johnson’s Economic Opportunity Act, a pivotal piece of legislation in the war on poverty. Additionally, it led to the creation of critical federally funded programs,



including the Food Stamp Act, Head Start, Medicare and Medicaid, Community Health Centers and the Federal Work-Study Program.

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. The mission of Neighborhood House is to partner with diverse individuals and families to build community and achieve their goals for health, education and self-sufficiency.

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