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Boeing Employees to Award Tacoma Community House \$500,000 Toward New Building

TACOMA, WA — On Thursday, August 31, 2017 (12:00-1:00pm), the Employees Community Fund (ECF) of Boeing will visit Tacoma Community House (TCH) to present a \$500,000 check for TCH's *Embracing the American Promise: Uniting Communities Capital Campaign* to fund a much-needed new building.

Tacoma Community House—which has served the community for 107 years, located on 13th and L Streets on Tacoma's Hilltop—is working to raise \$11M to replace the agency's existing, outdated building and construct a new, two-story, 27,000 sq. ft. facility on the same block from which TCH has delivered services since 1910. ECF of Boeing's half-million-dollar contribution brings fundraising to nearly \$4 million with another \$2.5M in funding pending in the State capital budget.

ECF of Boeing is an employee-owned, charitable giving program that has been awarding grants since 1951. ECF funds equipment, renovations and capital campaigns that positively impact the children, families and individuals who seek assistance and support from Puget Sound area nonprofit agencies. ECF is managed by a Board of Trustees made up of eight Boeing employees elected by those who contribute to the fund.

Each year, TCH serves over 3,500 immigrants, refugees, and low-income South Sound residents through the four core programs of **Education** (English Language Acquisition, Basic Education for Adults); **Employment** (job search and placement assistance); **Immigration** (U.S. citizenship, adjustment of status); and **Advocacy** (for victims of crime).

The August 31st "Soaring Celebration" will include remarks by TCH Board President Colette Smith, Pierce County Executive Bruce Dammeier, and ECF President Kevin Hanford; ice cream; and a paper airplane contest.

The event is open to all friends and partners of TCH and the ECF of Boeing.

About Tacoma Community House

As one of the longest, continuously operating social service agencies in Washington State, TCH has improved the lives of generations of immigrants, refugees, and other (predominantly low-income) community members through the four cornerstones of *Education, Employment, Immigration* and *Advocacy*.

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Founded by Methodist women in 1910 in the small room of a private home in Tacoma's Hilltop neighborhood, TCH originally served a couple dozen neighborhood children. Today, TCH is a nationally respected, community-based multiservice center providing 3,800 program services to 3,500 adults and youth from the U.S. and over 100 other countries.

TCH's service area of Pierce, South King, Kitsap, Thurston, and Mason counties represents a growing population of 1.7 million individuals, 11% of whom are immigrants. TCH is the only organization that provides a full range of services to immigrants and refugees between Portland and Seattle.

Learn more at www.TacomaCommunityHouse.org