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Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day to Bring Both Online and Offline Advocacy

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On Monday, February 11, **over 600 people**, representing **43 legislative districts** will converge upon Olympia for the 10th annual Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day.

The event's coordinator, the Washington Low Income Housing Alliance has a full day of advocacy planned, including a significant online presence. For instance, not only does the day have its own Twitter hashtag, <u>#HHAD2013</u>, but each of our State Legislative Agenda items also has its own hashtag. This allows advocates unable to attend, a chance to follow the day's events and follow the developments of each legislative priority.

Our State Legislative Agenda is particularly significant, as last year, we managed to win all of our legislative priorities. And this year, we are advocating for budget items amidst both a projected \$2 billion shortfall and potential gridlock in the Senate. Our advocacy agenda (with accompanying hashtags) is as follows:

- \$175 million for the Housing Trust Fund <u>#HTF2013</u>
- Preserve the Housing and Essential Needs/Disability Lifeline Program <u>#HEN2013</u>
- Enact Part 2 of the Fair Tenant Screening Act <u>#FTSA2013</u>
- Create an Equitable Value Capture Finance Tool for Affordable Housing #EVC2013
- Enact Revenue to Avoid Cuts to Services and Programs #NewRevenueWA

You can learn more about our agenda items at: wliha.org/advocacy/state.

Advocacy Day will also feature a rally with two powerful speakers available for interviews. Formerly homeless youth Brittany Lang has an inspiring story of moving from the streets to stable housing and now today transferring to college. Our other featured speaker who prefers her name be left off of this release is a U.S. veteran with a compelling story of how the economic crash led to her homelessness. Today, she is in her own apartment and finishing her nursing degree.###

Housing and Homelessness Advocacy Day

Monday, February 11, 2013 from 8am-3pm The United Churches of Olympia, 110 11th Ave SE, Olympia, WA 98501

Housing and Homelessness Rally

11:45am on the north steps of the Capitol Building

Our vision is that all Washington residents have the opportunity to live in safe, healthy, affordable homes in thriving communities.