

The 1st district is represented by Senator Guy Palumbo, Representative Shelley Kloba, and Representative Derek Stanford, and is located across the King/Snohomish County line. Data below is for Snohomish County and the Northshore School District.



## AUDRA'S STORY

Audra first experienced housing instability when her father ran into some health problems. He needed to downsize to a smaller home, so Audra and her sons had to find a new place to live. Rising rents in Kenmore left Audra with a difficult choice - disrupt her childrens' education by uprooting them from their schools, or figure out how to stay in their neighborhood by any means necessary - she even considered renting a storage unit to live in.

Luckily for Audra and her family it didn't come to that. She was connected with a resident cooperative called Northlake Grove, an apartment community for low-income families. As part of her application process, the residents conducted a group interview and were very welcoming of Audra and her sons - for Audra, the community aspect was key. Being plugged into a community where she had responsibilities was important to her. She says, "it also feels like an extended family." As a parent, she is comforted by the thought that if she can't make it home to her sons, she has a whole community of neighbors she can rely on to step in.

Audra and her sons have now lived in a safe, healthy, affordable home for 3 years. She works part-time in a doctor's office, and volunteers with her sons' football team. The stability of her home allows her economic security and supports her healthy state of mind: "I know what I have here - between the support of the community and the safety of being here—I don't have that fear of being dropped all of a sudden, like I have been from other programs." Audra plans to stay in her home until both her sons graduate high school, and hopefully longer. Audra values the investment she's made in her community, and the investment they've made in her in return.



**2,621**

Housing Trust Fund supported homes



**960**

people counted without a home during the Point in Time Count, 471 unsheltered



**202**

homeless school children



**\$23.56** PER HOUR

income needed to afford a 1-bedroom rental, \$29.29 per hour to afford a 2-bedroom



**21,870**

families who are severely cost burdened and need access to affordable homes



**\$359,800**

median home price