



The 20th district is represented by Senator John Braun, Representative Richard DeBolt, and Representative Ed Orcutt, and is located in South West Washington. Data below is for Lewis County and the Centralia and Chehalis School Districts.

## KIM'S STORY

Kim began her professional life as a corrections officer, but crisis after crisis in her personal life sent her looking to alcohol to cope, and before she knew it, she lost her job, her home, and was living on the streets.

Kim spent 10 years living in parks, on couches, walking around at all hours of the night - she had a beloved companion, her dog, who kept her going because it was another life to care for. But having her dog meant that no shelter would allow her to come inside, not even in the dead of winter.

Kim met a woman who was willing to help; she brought Kim through a variety of therapy classes and eventually was able to connect her with services to help her find housing. Soon, three different organizations worked together to find her a place to live - one handled her case management, one paid her move in costs, and one paid for her dog to become a licensed therapy animal so that Kim would no longer be denied shelter or a home because of her companion.

Since finding a stable home Kim has stayed sober, hosts bible studies in her home, is working full time, and is fully self sufficient. In addition to her full time work she also volunteers with Project Homeless Connect, which connects people who are homeless with services. She says "I want people who are homeless to get the same help I got, so they know there is a way off the streets."



## 386

Housing Trust Fund supported homes



## 150

people counted without a home during the Point in Time Count, 105 unsheltered



## 329

homeless school children



## \$12.56 PER HOUR

income needed to afford a 1-bedroom rental, \$16.54 per hour to afford a 2-bedroom



## 1,645

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



## \$159,000

median home price