

The 3rd district is represented by Senator Andy Billig, Representative Marcus Riccelli, and Representative Timm Ormsby, and covers the city of Spokane. Data below is for Spokane County and the Spokane School District.



## HEATHER'S STORY

Heather has spent much of her life on a rollercoaster of homelessness, scattered employment, and addiction - all while

trying to raise a family. Repeatedly she was denied access to shelters or treatment because her kids were too old, or the wrong gender, or because her family was just too big. And without the help she needed she was unable to provide her children a home.

Then, she lost her children to Child Protective Services, and she nearly lost all hope.

Heather found her way into treatment and moved into an Oxford House, where she was finally able to get her life on track.

Her newfound stability enabled her to reunite with her children. She entered the Transitional Living Center - a program and shelter in Spokane designed to lift families out of poverty and homelessness while allowing them to live together. Heather and her children attended therapy sessions, and soon they were ready to transition to living on their own, together, as a family.

Heather has since bought a home, gone back to school, and become deeply invested in her community. She's lived in her house for seven years - the longest she's ever lived anywhere in her life. Her kids are in school, no longer fear moving away from their friends every few months, and can focus on their studies.

Heather is working to help open a family-centered treatment program in Spokane, where families who need help can find housing, long-term support, and comprehensive services, without restrictions on age, gender, or family size.

She does this work because she believes "No parent should ever have to choose between housing and their kids."



## 2,912

Housing Trust Fund supported homes



## 981

people counted without a home during the Point in Time Count, 172 unsheltered



## 1,853

homeless school children



## \$11.31 PER HOUR

income needed to afford a 1-bedroom rental, \$15.17 per hour to afford a 2-bedroom



## 17,505

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



## \$191,100

median home price