

The 42nd district is represented by Senator Doug Ericksen, Representative Luanne Van Werven, and Representative Vincent Buys, and is at the North West border of the state. Data below is for Whatcom County and the Bellingham School District.

## JL'S STORY

JL moved into her home after a two month stay at a domestic violence shelter. She was fleeing two abusive partners who were trying to gain control over everything in her life - from her daily schedule of where she went and who she saw, to every aspect of her finances.

At the same time, JL was also recovering from a significant history of prostitution - she had been trafficked at a young age and, in addition to the years of abuse, she was robbed of the opportunity to grow up and learn basic life skills.

JL had not paid her own bills or managed her own home in years and was eager for the chance to do so. With support from the Community Rehousing Program, she was able to move into her own apartment, create a home for herself and her two children, and learn to manage her finances independently.

JL quickly enrolled in the Life Skills class at DSHS and worked closely with her CRP case manager to develop goals, a budget, and a plan for how to be financially independent. JL received a voucher in June and has since has paid her rent every month on time. JL also moved on from her job at the Community Service Office and is now working at a local cell phone company.

Once JL was able to access a safe, healthy, affordable home she finally had the foundation to thrive. A home, coupled with the support she received through the Community Rehousing Program, has given her the chance to make her life what she wants it to be.



## 1,240

Housing Trust Fund supported homes



## 720

people counted without a home during the Point in Time Count, 340 unsheltered



## 559

homeless school children



## \$13.44 PER HOUR

income needed to afford a 1-bedroom rental, \$17.50 per hour to afford a 2-bedroom



## 7,535

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



## \$294,200

median home price