

The 6th district is represented by Senator Michael Baumgartner, Representative Mike Volz, and Representative Jeff Holy, and is located in west Spokane County. Data below is for Spokane County and the Central Valley School District.



## MEGAN'S STORY

Megan Curran spent the first months of 2014 in hospitals and a nursing home recovering from addiction and two heart surgeries. She struggled with addiction, PTSD, and homelessness for eight years. She wanted desperately to stop hurting the people she loved, but when she entered Miryam's House - transitional living for homeless women - she feared this too would be another failed attempt at change, at sobriety, and at life.

To her surprise, having access to a safe and healthy place to stay provided Megan with the foundation she needed; she graduated from Miryam's House on December 9th, 2014. She speaks of Miryam's House and her journey with fondness and reverence. One of the lessons she learned at Miryam's was not to run from her problems. To her, "This was a true place of transformation where things began to change for me."

With a newfound purpose, and a commitment to pay-it-forward, Megan was placed in an apartment on her own that she can afford, has lived there for over a year, and is thriving. She is engaged in her community, a member of the Program Committee of Transitions, and completed Leadership Spokane. She works at a recovery center, helping others make it through addiction to the other side.

Her advice to future Miryam's House residents comes reluctantly and humbly, "take advantage of the services and supports that are offered freely. Take your time to rest, but there is a lot of work to be done. Make the most of the time that you are here. Your full time job when you get here is yourself and it is the hardest job that I have ever had."

Megan believes in second chances and is grateful that she got one. A stable place to live has made all the difference. "To be where I am now, where I am rock-climbing, I don't really have limitations. I would never have believed it. How can all that happen in a year?"



**2,912**  
Housing Trust Fund supported homes



**1,033**  
people counted without a home during the Point in Time Count, 172 unsheltered



**413**  
homeless school children



**\$11.33** 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