

The 7th district is represented by Senator Brian Dansel, Representative Shelly Short, and Representative Joel Kretz, and is located in the North East corner of the state. Data below is for Stevens County and the Colville School District.



MIKE AND MARIE'S STORY

In 2013, Mike and Marie were laid off from their traffic control jobs. Mike had severe medical issues and Marie had severe back pain. Mike received a small pension and Marie received unemployment for a short time, but it was not enough rent a home, and they spent the winter living in their car.

Mike and Marie struggled to find an affordable place to live, so they reached out to the Housing Authority of Grant County in November 2013. They applied for HAGC's homeless transitional housing which offers services such as case management, utility payments, emergency rental assistance, transitional housing, and emergency shelter.

Mike and Marie moved into their new home in January 2014 and, wanting to connect with their community and seeing the need for it, took it upon themselves to act as "unofficial managers" by keeping an eye on the property and the families who lived there. Five months later, Marie's unemployment ran out and suddenly, they couldn't afford the rent. As luck would have it, HAGC had a managerial position open at a different property, so Mike and Marie applied, and got the job. They took pride in their new line of work, and their support and involvement managing the project has helped other formerly homeless families live successfully as part of the community.

Marie continues to live in her home and manage the property. Sadly, Mike passed away September 26, 2015. Because they had access to a safe, healthy, affordable home they were able to plan for their future and collect a modest savings. And while Marie misses Mike dearly, she is self-sufficient and thriving.



183
Housing Trust Fund supported homes



32
people counted without a home during the Point in Time Count, 22 unsheltered



68
homeless school children



\$9.56 PER HOUR
income needed to afford a 1-bedroom rental, \$12.65 per hour to afford a 2-bedroom



925
families who are severely cost burdened and need access to affordable homes



\$140,000
median home price