

The 14th district is represented by Senator Curtis King, Representative Chris Corry, and Representative Gina Mosbrucker, and is located in South Central Washington. Data below are for Yakima County and the Yakima School District.



BARBARA'S STORY

For Barbara, access to a safe, healthy, affordable home has allowed her to not only remain stably housed but also to be an active member of her community, both of which hold deep importance to her.

Barbara has her own apartment at Rose of Mary Terrace, a Catholic Charities Housing Services senior housing building located in the west end of Yakima. Now 78 years old, CCHS staff say Barbara is one of their most active residents, participating regularly in a health education series, and organizing social events and bible study nights with her neighbors.

“You can’t rent a place as nice as this just anywhere,” Barbara says. Her building serves low-income seniors who are at or below 50% of the area median income. Rental subsidies allow rent to be affordable - only 30% of a senior’s net adjusted monthly income. Barbara also appreciates having access to on-site services so she doesn’t have to be out in the snow and bad weather as much during the Yakima winters.

When asked how she thinks her life would be different if not for her apartment through CCHS, Barbara says “It would be natural to have fear about being able to afford rent in the private market.”

When her basic needs are met, Barbara is able to give back to her community in other ways as well. What she values most is visiting other seniors who are home-bound and who don’t have families nearby.

