

The 19th district is represented by Senator Dean Takko, Representative Jim Walsh, and Representative Brian Blake, and is located in the far West corner of the state. Data below are for Pacific County and the Aberdeen and Longview School Districts.

TED'S STORY

When Ted was diagnosed with a disability in 2003, his life took a rough turn. Unexpectedly, his only income was his disability benefits, and this new fixed income wasn't enough to pay the bills. Ted turned to gambling to try to cover the gap between his income and cost of living, but that habit served him nothing more than an ever-growing pile of debt.

His son turned 18 and moved out on his own; shortly after, his wife lost her job and then their marriage dissolved - Ted felt like he was losing everyone and everything all at once. In 2009 Ted became homeless.

Two years later Ted discovered a shelter and homelessness service provider called Love Overwhelming. There, he built a relationship with an outreach worker whose goal was to empower Ted to take his life back. Ted had given up hope, but the care and encouragement of someone who actually believed in him motivated Ted to put his life back together.

Love Overwhelming helped Ted find a home he could afford, assisted with move-in fees, and even helped him find furniture. In return, Ted volunteered at the day shelter, serving hot meals and beverages to others experiencing homelessness. He showed them that they too could find a way out.

The stability of a home, a routine, and a new desire to pay-it-forward helped pull Ted out of his depression. He now lives in a mother-in-law apartment, but the cost of living is rising rapidly and his fixed income won't cut it there for much longer. He stays involved in advocacy in his community though, and is even helping the city of Longview re-write an ordinance pertaining to a shelter there. Ted says "I don't know where I'd be if Love Overwhelming hadn't found me. Having a home made all the difference."



144

Housing Trust Fund supported homes



73

people counted without a home during the Point in Time Count, 57 unsheltered



854

homeless school children



\$12.10 PER HOUR

income needed to afford a 1-bedroom rental, \$16.08 per hour to afford a 2-bedroom



545

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



\$182,500

median home price