

The 45th district is represented by Senator Manka Dhingra, Representative Roger Goodman, and Representative Larry Springer, and is located in East King County. Data below are for King County and the Lake Washington School District.



RHONDA'S STORY

Rhonda never thought that “homeless” was a label she would ever wear. In her life she’s worn College Graduate, Executive, Project Manager, Coach, Mother, and Service Provider, so it was a shock when things went sour. After a series of events that negatively impacted her reputation and social standing in her community, Rhonda found herself spiritually, emotionally, and financially bankrupt. Without a home of her own or steady employment, she realized it was time to do something drastic. She moved to Washington and was directed through 211 Coordinated Entry to the Kent Hope shelter.

After a short stay at Kent Hope, Rhonda found and applied to The Sophia Way, a women’s shelter in Bellevue. There she worked with a case manager to address her health issues, look for a job, and find a permanent home. Rhonda says “I’ve been a direct service provider, and I’m used to helping people pay their rent, or find shelter. But I never imagined myself on the other side, having lost everything.”

Rhonda stayed at The Sophia Way for eight months until she finally found an apartment in Woodinville. She received move-in assistance and a rapid re-housing voucher to help with rent while she looked for work. Another health setback kept her from landing a permanent job, and luckily the Housing and Essential Needs program was there to help fill in the gap.

Now, because Rhonda lives in a home she can afford, she can continue to tend to her health, and hold down a job that fits the demands of her life. She’s become an affordable housing advocate because she wants to pay forward the help she was given when she’d lost all hope herself.

“I had no idea how hard being homeless really is. To go from running a business and a family to carrying your life on your back is overwhelming. The only reason I made it through is because I have a permanent, affordable home.”



18,324
Housing Trust Fund supported homes



12,112
people counted without a home during the Point in Time Count, 6,103 unsheltered



389
homeless school children



\$29.40 PER HOUR
income needed to afford a 1-bedroom rental, \$36.12 per hour to afford a 2-bedroom



86,435
families who are severely cost burdened and need access to affordable homes



\$729,800
median home price