



EDGAR'S STORY

As a successful tech professional, with a BS in Math and Physics, Edgar's life was going well. That is until his company announced the relocation of his job to Chicago and he faced the choice of making the move or leaving the company. Not wanting to uproot from his community Edgar chose to stay and find other employment, but after searching for months, his severance package was exhausted and Edgar lost his home. His situation was further compounded when he was diagnosed with corneal cancer. The chemotherapy, followed by multiple surgeries, left him seriously weakened, emotionally distraught, and nearing a state of desperation.

"I did not know if I was going to survive. I had never been in such dire straits and did not know where to turn or how to get started." Luckily, Edgar found help at Congregations For the Homeless, a mens shelter in Bellevue. Staff there too notice of Edar's dedication to getting his life back on track, and he was offered the position of House Manager in CHS's subsidized housing program.

"When I first moved into the shelter it was really hard...I could not come to grips with how this had happened to me." But a stable roof over his head plus case management services provided the foundation Edgar needed to launch himself out of homelessness. As a result, he landed a position in national market development with a local company, and recently purchased his own market rate condo.

When asked what his goals are for the future he said he would like to share his personal story in the hope that it will encourage others faced with similar struggles. "I would not be here if it weren't for CFH."

The 48th district is represented by Senator Patty Kuderer, Representative Vandana Slatter, and Representative Amy Walen, and is located in East King County. Data below are for King County and the Bellevue School District.



18,324

Housing Trust Fund supported homes



12,112

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



256

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