Hello -

My name is Ryan Donohue and I am the Advocacy and Policy Director for Habitat for Humanity of Washington State. I am so excited to have the opportunity to share our first Cost of Home Campaign Newsletter! Moving forward, this newsletter is going to be focused on things such as talking about our progress on the Cost of Home campaign and other notable Habitat related news. I encourage you to share this newsletter and get your friends to subscribe by clicking on the link here - Subscribe to the Habitat Washington Cost of Home Newsletter.

Gearing Up for the Legislative Session!

As the new year begins, something else gets ready to kick into high gear - the 2020 Legislative Session here in Washington! This year, like all even years, is a short session. That means it should last 60 days (barring a special session being called). As legislators and legislative staff are getting ready, so are we at Habitat Washington! Check out Habitat for Humanity of Washington State’s Cost of Home 2020 Legislative Agenda here and see the Habitat for Humanity of Washington State Cost of Home Campaign Value Statement here. These will drive our legislative and advocacy outreach efforts over the next two months.

We’ve been busy meeting with legislators across Washington sharing the news about the Cost of Home campaign and what it means here in Washington State. From Democrats to Republicans, from urban legislators to rural legislators, we’ve heard so much about how Habitat is such a valued partner in working to address the housing crisis in this state. We look forward to continuing our work with legislators across the state and sharing what the Cost of Home means to all of us.

Another thing that comes along with the new year is the Habitat for Humanity of Washington State Lobby Day! This year, we will be gathering on January 28th in Olympia. If you would like to join us, reach out to your local affiliate and let them know that you wish to participate. Many affiliates have already signed up and we’d love to have you join us this year!

Website updates
I also wanted to highlight some exciting news - Habitat WA has been slowly remodeling our website! We now have an active blog and this monthly newsletter. Over the next few months, we are hoping to continue to make both our website and our newsletter better. Please feel free to reach out here with any recommendations you may have!

Social media

In addition to our website revamp, we have revamped our approach to social media! If you aren't following us on Facebook and Twitter - you should be! Click on the links below and above and make sure you give us a follow. We'll be talking about housing news, the Cost of Home campaign and so much more. If you want to stay up to date with Habitat Washington - make sure to add our social media channels!

Thank you for reading our inaugural edition of the Cost Of Home Monthly Newsletter. I greatly appreciate you taking the time to read and please let me know if there are things you would like to see in future editions. Also - we are looking for creative names for both of our newsletters. If you have an idea, please let me know at ryan@habitatwa.org.

Sincerely,

Ryan Donohue