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Cost Of Home Monthly Newsletter

Habitat on the Hill 2020: We've Only Just Begun!

Less than two weeks after Habitat in Olympia day, seven leaders from across Washington packed their bags and headed out to Washington D.C. to talk about the Cost of Home and the government role in creating housing that is affordable.

Habitat Leaders participated in panels and meetings with policymakers from across the U.S. and met the staff and elected officials that work to serve the state we all love.

Day one was spent learning from other Habitat affiliates about how they serve their communities and sharing some of our own stories. Habitat Washington's own Advocacy and Policy Director, Ryan Donohue, was invited to talk in the opening session about how Habitat Washington is implementing the Cost of Home campaign!

Day two was spent on Capitol Hill, meeting lawmakers and staff while exploring all that the OTHER Washington's Capitol Hill has to offer. The team met with almost every member of the Washington delegation talking about affordable housing and the need for policies that encourage
Day three was a special day. The main event was the Local Policy Informing Federal Action policy symposium - where the City of Seattle was invited to highlight one of their programs - the Mobility Voucher program run through the Seattle Housing Authority! It was exciting to see a Washington city in the spotlight and we are thankful to Andria and the team at the Seattle Housing Authority for joining us.

Read more about our time at HabitatontheHill in our blog here and check out social media through #HabitatonTheHill and #CostofHome on both Facebook and Twitter. While you are at it - make sure to follow us for all of the most recent news about the Cost of Home campaign here in Washington State and to learn more about what can be done to make a difference in communities all across Washington.

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Cost of Home Update - Rentals

Home is more than just a place where you rest your head. A home is a sense of stability. A sense of safety. A sense of accomplishment. It’s a place where people reconnect with family, friends, and their community. At the end of the day - what we are all about is helping to build a home that you can be proud to call your own. But we also know that not everyone is going to own their own home. As Alanna McCargo said at Habitat on the Hill, "If renting is unaffordable, then home ownership is unattainable." Read more about why we are working to drive down the Cost of Home - regardless of where you call home - at our blog here and if you want to know how you can get involved, reach out here!

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Washington's Presidential Primary - GO VOTE!

Washington State has an important date coming up - with the future of this country! On March 10th, Washington voters will have their say in the presidential primaries. Ballots have been mailed and are due back by the 10th. Make sure to check out your favorite candidate and their policy on housing here.

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Thank you for reading the third edition of the Cost Of Home Monthly Newsletter. I 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 our newsletter. If you have an idea, please let me know at ryan@habitatwa.org.