

Letter to the Editor: Housing Hope: Program is truly life changing

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I feel that the Tuesday article about the Gates Foundation and Housing Hope was very inspirational and so true. ("Gates Foundation housing funds help former addict rebuild her life.")

I have lived in a Housing Hope apartment since February 2007 and it was a life-changing event for me. I was homeless and recovering from a nervous breakdown. Starting over was a challenge harder than anything I have ever had to do. When I was placed in Housing Hope, it opened so many doors that seemed dead bolted before. Having a stable roof over your head for yourself and your children eliminates more stress than you would ever imagine. When someone is trying to figure out where they are trying to live, everything else that is important as well is placed on the back burner.

I moved in here in February and was in college at Everett Community College the spring quarter, going back to school after not being in school for over 20 years. Now, everything else has seemed to fall into place in my life. I have a support group through Housing Hope and my neighbors who have "been there, done that," and it has made a big difference. If I was not a part of Housing Hope, I have no idea where I would be right now. I am more than grateful for this program and it has changed my life being here.

Thanks again for the article. Housing Hope and the Gates Foundation needs to be recognized for what they do, because it does change lives!

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