



# Catholic Social Services

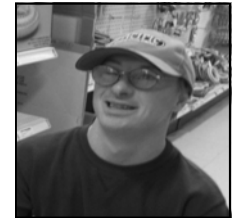
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## CSS Facts • Fiscal Year 2010 • July 2009 – June 2010

**Catholic Social Services served 17,008 clients through its 10 programs in fiscal year 2010.** An additional 9,759 clients were served through 3 collaborative community projects, H.U.G.S.S. (Helping Us Give School Supplies) & Coats for Kids, Thanksgiving Blessing and Project Homeless Connect.

Catholic Social Services (CSS), accredited by the National Council on Accreditation, is one of the largest social service agencies in Alaska. CSS was incorporated in 1966 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with the mission to serve the poor, strengthen individuals and families and advocate for a just community.

CSS operates 10 multi-faceted programs including two emergency shelters, two homes for teens, a food pantry, supportive housing, an adoption and pregnancy support program, services for individuals with disabilities, a day habilitation program for adults with disabilities and a refugee resettlement & immigration program. CSS is the social service arm of the Archdiocese of Anchorage serving, engaging and employing people of all faiths. During FY 2010, 1,171 volunteers provided 29,756 hours of service to help those in need.



*“I have come that they may have life and have it to the full.” John 10:10*

## Programs

**Brother Francis Shelter** (*established 1982*) provides temporary, emergency shelter for men and women, an evening meal, and use of shower and laundry facilities, case management services, advocacy, job readiness, and referrals for employment, permanent housing, mental health issues, and treatment options for alcohol and substance abuse. During FY 2010:

- Brother Francis Shelter provided 77,955 nights of stay and served 61,872 meals to 3,192 homeless men and women. The clothing room provided assistance 11,311 times for those seeking basic clothing items.

**Clare House** (*established 1983*) provides temporary, emergency 24-hour shelter for women with children and expectant mothers. Residents receive daily meals and referrals for child care, substance abuse/mental health, affordable permanent housing, employment and continuing educational opportunities. Case management services are an integral part of the program to help women in their transition from homelessness to independent living. During FY 2010:

- 537 women with children and expectant mothers utilized 13,795 bed nights at Clare House.
- 99% of those surveyed (during discharge planning) reported feeling safe and that their basic needs were met during their stay.

**Connexions** (*established 2010*) is a co-op style day habilitation program for young adults with disabilities who have graduated from high school and need a place to participate in meaningful activities and to socialize with their peers. The program opened in June 2010 and is located in the heart of Eagle River. We offer support for both community and center-based recreational, leisure, and volunteer activities.

**Homeless Family Services** (*established 2008*) is a collaborative project to assist unsheltered families with children — from securing emergency housing when shelters are full to connecting homeless families to the resources necessary to secure a place to call home. The program also offers supportive housing consisting of four furnished units located in Government Hill, serving formerly homeless families with disabilities. During FY 2010:

- 633 individuals (170 families) were served at Homeless Family Services.

**Pregnancy Support & Adoption Services** (*established 1967*) is a licensed child placement agency serving pregnant women, birth parents, adoptive parents and adoptees through child placement, education, counseling, and continued family support. The Permanent Families grant allows a partnership between the Office of Children's Services and CSS to provide home studies for potential adoptive families for children who have been removed due to abuse and/or neglect. The Baby Boutique offers free maternity wear, diapers and baby clothing to expectant and new mothers in need. During FY 2010:

- 1,345 people utilized the services of the program throughout the state of Alaska.
- 229 adoption home studies were completed for 361 foster children in need of permanent, loving homes.
- 460 women (and men) were provided pregnancy support services and/or material support.

**Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services (RAIS)** (*established 1987*) provides a bridge for refugees (individuals who have had to flee their countries of origin due to the tragedies of persecution and war) from their former life experiences to the new skills required for success in the United States. The program assists clients in obtaining a lifestyle that has sustainable financial support and in which the family's basic needs are fully met on a long-term basis. RAIS offers a wide range of bilingual and bicultural services including case management, life skills orientation and job readiness classes. During FY 2010:

- 635 refugee and asylee clients throughout Alaska were served. Of the 194 new enrollees, 139 (55 families) arrived in Alaska directly from their country of origin, and another 55 (24 families) came to Alaska via another state within their first 5 years in the US.
- Within their first year in the program, 36% of employable adults obtained a first job in Alaska. Of those who came directly to Alaska, RAIS assisted 67% with securing a first job within 6 months of arrival. By the end of their first year in Alaska, 70% of these refugee families no longer relied on public assistance.

**Special Needs Services** (*established 1981*) provides direct care services and skills training for people who experience developmental disabilities and offers a support system and a much needed break for their families. Trained providers care for clients in the consumers' home or out in the community. During FY 2010:

- Special Needs Services served 137 consumers, providing 29,347 hours of direct care services.
- 100% of families surveyed reported a greater sense of stress relief due to receiving respite services.

**St. Francis House** (*established 1962*) provides a 2-day emergency supply of food to those in need on a monthly basis. During FY 2010, 10,519 unduplicated and 33,208 duplicated clients received services.

- The St. Francis House food pantry distributed 346,873 pounds of food.
- 829 Seniors & Children were provided a Commodity Supplement Food Program (CSFP) box and 3,377 families were able to access The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP) through the pantry.

**Teen Homes – Charlie Elder House** (*established 2001*) & **McAuley Manor** (*established 1985*) help homeless, troubled teenage boys and girls learn to live independently, achieve academic success, maintain positive relationships, and contribute to the community. Both homes provide a therapeutic environment, case management services and counseling services in cooperation with Alaska Children's Services. During FY 2010:

- 10 teens were provided a home at Charlie Elder House & McAuley Manor.

### Collaborative Community Projects:

The **H.U.G.S.S. (Helping Us Give School Supplies)** and **Coats for Kids** project is a partnership between Catholic Social Services, The Salvation Army and Lutheran Social Services providing school supplies and coats to children. In FY 2010, 5,156 children from low-income families were better prepared for school.

The CSS & St. Patrick's Parish **Thanksgiving Blessing Project** provided a traditional Thanksgiving meal to 644 low-income families (3,188 individuals) in November 2009. This is part of a community-wide faith-based project.

**Project Homeless Connect** is a semi-annual, in-door services fair to provide a one-stop shop and immediate help for homeless individuals & families; 1,415 people were provided services in FY 2010.

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