

What We Do

Brother Francis Shelter, a program of Catholic Social Services, was established in 1982 as an emergency shelter that serves homeless adult men and women.

Basic Services

- Open 365 nights a year
- Case management
- Hot, nutritious evening meal
- Laundry facilities
- Shower facilities
- Medical clinic
- Legal clinic
- Housing referrals
- Treatment options for alcohol and drug abuse
- Employment referrals
- Clothing closet
- Personal finance training
- Volunteer opportunities

Donations Needed

- Coffee
- Plastic forks, knives & spoons
- Paper bowls and plates
- Bleach & Pinesol
- 33 gallon trash bags
- Cleaning sponges
- Warm hats, gloves & socks
- Underwear (all sizes, men & women)
- Shoes, boots and men's belts
- Blue jeans (all sizes, men & women)
- Spray deodorant
- Toilet paper
- Disposable razors
- Feminine products
- Toothbrushes & toothpaste
- Sandwich baggies
- Vinyl gloves



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Creating Hope*



Partners

Brother Francis Shelter staff work collaboratively with many other service providers and funders throughout the community to help individuals overcome homelessness.

- Department of Veteran Affairs
- Cook Inlet Housing Authority
- Alaska Housing Finance Corporation
- Nine Star
- Providence Health & Services Alaska
- Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority
- Alaska Native Justice Center
- Alaska Community Mental Health
- Municipality of Anchorage
- State of Alaska Health & Human Services
- Anchorage Coalition on Homelessness
- Rasmuson Foundation

“You have no idea how terrifying it can be to be alone on the street” said Kathleen remembering the night she spent in her car before she sought shelter at BFS.

“I just want you to know that you saved my life. My roommate had kicked me out in the middle of the night and no one else would take me in.” said Sam who stayed sixteen days in the shelter prior to moving into his new home.



“I appreciate the BFS staff with all my heart.” said Olga, an 81 year-old BFS guest .

Mission

Brother Francis Shelter serves the homeless among us with dignity, care and compassion, with emphasis on moving our guests toward self-sufficiency by following the gospel values of Brother Jesus exemplified by St. Francis of Assisi.

Brother Francis Shelter served 3,384 people in fiscal year 2011 providing 68, 443 meals and 84,584 nights of shelter.