

## 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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## BROTHER FRANCIS SHELTER

*Providing Help  
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 3,025 people in fiscal year 2008 providing 45,301 meals and 56,621 nights of shelter.