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programs of Catholic Social Services

Beyond Shelter, Brother Francis Shelter, Charlie Elder
House, Clare House, Connexions, McAuley Manor,
Pregnancy Support & Adoption Services,
Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services,
Special Needs Services and St. Francis House



40 Days, 40 Ways

Lent 2010



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Catholic Social Services suggests ways to serve God's people in need during the Lenten season.

- 1) Pray for the well being of Catholic Social Services' clients, volunteers & staff.
- 2) Host a food collection drive for St. Francis House.
- 3) Volunteer to serve the evening meal at Brother Francis Shelter.
- 4) Bookmark www.cssalaska.org and check our events & volunteer tabs often.
- 5) Volunteer to run an arts & crafts activity for children at Clare House.
- 6) Donate an auction item for Charity Ball 2010 (a unique gift basket, jewelry or champagne).
- 7) Purchase gently used coats (with working zippers) at garage sales & thrift shops and donate them to HUGSS (Helping Us Give School Supplies) & Coats for Kids.
- 8) Attend Charity Ball 2010 on May 8th — the 20th Anniversary celebration!
- 9) Become a CSS "fan" on Facebook.
- 10) Pick up something extra at Costco for St. Francis House.
- 11) Donate \$40 to the revolving security deposit loan fund to support new refugees.
- 12) Purchase bowling, movie or golf passes for our clients in the Special Needs Services, Teen Home or Connexions programs.
- 13) Join the World Refugee Day planning committee - event held Friday June 18, 2010.
- 14) Purchase gently used baby and toddler clothing at garage sales & thrift shops for Pregnancy Support's Baby Boutique.
- 15) Donate \$50 to host a Beyond Shelter family for one night in a motel room.
- 16) Purchase diapers (of all sizes) & wipes for Pregnancy Support's Baby Boutique.
- 17) Attend the Pregnancy Support & Adoption Services' Quilt, Fiber & Wearable Arts auction, held on March 6th from noon until 3:00 p.m. at the ConocoPhillips Atrium.
- 18) Give your gently used jeans and belts to Brother Francis Shelter.
- 19) Purchase cleaning supplies for Clare House.
- 20) Volunteer for a few hours a month at the Pregnancy Support's Baby Boutique.
- 21) Learn more about our newest program, Connexions, a day habilitation center for young adults with developmental disabilities located in Eagle River.
- 22) Purchase international telephone cards to help refugees call long distance to friends and family left behind.
- 23) Re-gift unused gift cards for Wal-Mart, Fred Meyer or Target for newly arriving refugees to purchase basic household and clothing items.
- 24) Bake something tasty for the guests at Brother Francis Shelter.
- 25) Give a gift certificate to auction if you have a special talent to share - photography, musical performance, balloon artistry, hair design, handy man services, cake decorating, etc.
- 26) Donate twin sheet sets and towels for the Teen Homes.
- 27) Plan to volunteer for HUGSS (Helping Us Give School Supplies) & Coats for Kids the week of August 9th — 13th, 2010.
- 28) Pick up an extra pack of toilet paper or paper towels and drop it off at Clare House.
- 29) Collect watches and alarm clocks for our refugee clients.
- 30) Volunteer for Charity Ball 2010 - Saturday, May 8, 2010.
- 31) Plan to purchase your produce at the Fresh International Gardens booth (operated by refugees) at the Farmer's Market on Wednesdays at the Northway mall parking lot this summer.
- 32) Donate gently used camping gear and sleeping bags for homeless families served by Beyond Shelter.
- 33) Encourage your friends and family to volunteer at CSS.
- 34) Volunteer to pick up coats and school supplies from collection containers throughout Anchorage in May, June & July for the HUGSS (Helping Us Give School Supplies) & Coats for Kids project.
- 35) Donate airline mileage to help clients return home.
- 36) Make a wooden podium for the CSS Center conference room.
- 37) Plan to volunteer at St. Patrick's Parish on Monday, November 22, 2010 for the Thanksgiving Blessing project.
- 38) Respond to the Archbishop's Lenten appeal letter sent to you from Archbishop Roger L. Schwietz, OMI to support CSS.
- 39) Make a financial donation via the CSS secure website at www.cssalaska.org.
- 40) Pray for the well being of Catholic Social Services' clients, volunteers & staff.

Thank you!