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6th Annual Blues For My Brother Events *Committed Volunteer returns from Scotland to organize fundraiser*

Anchorage — Karl Fleischman left Alaska in 2005 for Scotland. He's back this weekend to host Son Henry's 6th Annual Blues for My Brother concert & acoustic show events to benefit Brother Francis Shelter. Fleischman's (aka Son Henry of the Blues band Son Henry) passion for assisting the homeless in the Anchorage community was the catalyst for continuing his Brother Francis Shelter fundraiser from a distance.

Susan H. Bomalaski, Catholic Social Services' executive director said, "These events are a true testament to the critical work that is done at Brother Francis Shelter. A volunteer that has been gone from Alaska for 2 years is still deeply committed to raising funds for the program. We are grateful to Karl for organizing the event from across the ocean."

Both events feature British Blues Piano Legend Bob Hall. The concert will be held on Saturday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m. at the Crosspoint Auditorium (near Burlington Coat Factory). Melissa Bledsoe Fisher Band, Lulu and the Aquanets, the Monica Lettner Band, the Son Henry Band & Bob Parsons will also perform. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at Title Wave Books, Metro Music or at the door.

The acoustic show will be held Sunday, November 11th at the Wilda Marston Theater at 6:00 p.m. and the ticket price is \$18 each.

During fiscal year 2007, 3,030 homeless men and women were offered a safe warm place to sleep. The shelter also provides an evening meal; use of laundry and shower facilities; case management services; advocacy and referrals for employment, housing and mental health services; treatment options for alcohol and substance abuse; and a job readiness program. Brother Francis Shelter is operated by Catholic Social Services and has been providing shelter to homeless adults since 1982.

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