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- Individuals, families, local businesses and corporations support Clare House financially. Clare House could not provide critically needed services to women and children without this community support.
- Clare House is celebrating their 25th Anniversary on January 5, 2008. There are many ways you can help:
- Give a sustaining gift every month of \$25 in honor of the 25th Anniversary of Clare House. That is an annual gift of \$300.
- Give an honorary gift for a loved one's birth, birthday, wedding or anniversary or a memorial gift.
- Give a one time annual gift of \$300. This can be cash, check or credit card.
- Give a major gift of \$1,000 or more on an annual basis.
- Give a major gift ranging from \$5,000-\$30,000 over a three year period. This could be a stock gift.
- Many employers provide matching gifts for their employee's charitable giving. Provide a matching gift form from your employer to enhance your personal gift.
- Make a gift on CSS's secure web site www.cssalaska.org.
- Make a planned gift with a bequest in your will, designate Clare House as the beneficiary of your life insurance policy, or make a cash gift to Clare House 25th Anniversary Fund.



“We are pleased to support Clare House because strong and stable moms equal greater security for kids. When kids have a good home life — their chances for success at school and in life improve dramatically. Please give your support to Clare House and make sure this important program continues.”

Stacia & Rob Gillam
Dedicated Clare House Supporters

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Clare House

*Providing Help
Creating Hope*



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**Second to losing a parent,
homelessness is the most
traumatic event that can
happen in a child's life.**

The fastest growing homeless segment in our nation is women with young children. Women who find themselves homeless are in crisis. Their primary concern is finding food, shelter and clothing for themselves and their children. Clare House is Anchorage's 24-hour, emergency shelter for homeless women and women with children, who aren't in current life threatening domestic violence situations.

Recognizing a family's need to have stability in their life in order to maintain housing, Clare House staff work with adult residents to review their personal situation, including the causes for their homelessness; together they prepare an assessment plan with referrals for childcare, employment and permanent housing. All the services offered at Clare House are designed to lead a family out of despair and instill hope for a practical path to economic stability and self-sufficiency.

A very important benefit to the children at Clare House is a collaborative relationship with the Anchorage School District to provide transportation to pick up children at Clare House and other shelters and take students to their "home" schools for classes.

Clients

In fy 2007, Clare House sheltered 671 individuals, 54 percent were children under 18 years old.

Last year, 41% of the women who found shelter at Clare House reported they had been victims of domestic violence/sexual assault at some point in their lives. This is likely an underestimate.



Volunteers

Every afternoon, a family or a community group arrives at Clare House with dinner.

Individual volunteers give in-kind gifts of laundry soap, bleach and cleaning supplies, diapers and diaper wipes, jackets of all sizes for all seasons plus hats, gloves, and socks.

Group volunteer projects happen all year around. Business volunteers built a playground for the children and provide birthday and holiday gifts for both moms and their children.

**Last year 671 people
sought shelter
at the doors of Clare House.**

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