



# CSS Facts

Fiscal Year 2007  
July 2006 – June 2007  
*Providing Help  
Creating Hope*

**Catholic Social Services served 18,241 clients through its 9 programs in fiscal year 2007.** An additional 16,282 clients were served through 3 collaborative community projects, HUGSS (Helping Us Give School Supplies) & Coats for Kids, Anchorage Thanksgiving Blessing & GIFT Holiday Outreach.

Catholic Social Services (CSS), accredited by the national Council on Accreditation, is one of the largest social service agencies in Alaska. CSS was incorporated in 1966 as a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation with the mission to serve the poor, strengthen individuals and families and advocate for a just community. Over the years CSS has grown in response to many unmet needs in the community.

CSS operates 9 multi-faceted programs including two emergency shelters, two homes for teens, a food pantry, transitional housing, an adoption and pregnancy support program, services for children with disabilities, and a refugee resettlement & immigration program. CSS is the social service arm of the Archdiocese of Anchorage serving people of all faiths.



## Catholic Social Services programs:

**Beyond Shelter Transitional Housing** consists of two duplexes, each with two furnished units, located in Government Hill. The housing serves families with disabilities in their transition from homelessness to permanent housing. *since 2005*

- 33 individuals were provided housing in FY 2007.
- Families receive case management services by the referring agency while living in the units.

**Brother Francis Shelter** provides temporary, emergency shelter for men and women; an evening meal, and use of shower and laundry facilities; case management services, advocacy and referrals for employment, housing, mental health issues, and treatment options for alcohol and substance abuse. It also offers a job readiness program. *since 1982*

- Brother Francis Shelter/Anchorage provided 56,331 nights of stay and served 45,301 meals to 3,030 homeless men and women during FY 2007.

**Clare House** provides temporary, emergency 24-hour shelter for women and women with children. The program also provides meals, referrals for child care and substance abuse/mental health and case management services to help women in their transition from homelessness to independent living. *since 1983*

- 671 clients were served at Clare House during FY 2007. Of those served, 54 percent were children.
- 45,906 meals were served and 140 clients received transportation assistance.



**Pregnancy Support & Adoption Services** program is a licensed child placement agency serving adoptive parents, birth parents and adoptees through child placement, education, counseling, home studies, post-placement services and continued family support. The program also helps women with unplanned pregnancies make informed decisions about their children's future by providing counseling, information and education about parenting and adoption. *since 1990 and 1967*

- 1,089 people utilized the services of the program, including 18 families who adopted infants during FY 2007.
- 147 home studies were completed for special needs adoption and 18 for international adoption.
- 60 women were provided pregnancy support services.

**Refugee Assistance & Immigration Services** provides a bridge for clients from their former life experiences to the new skills required for success in the United States. The Program assists clients in obtaining a lifestyle that has sustainable financial support, and in which the family's basic needs are fully met on a long-term basis. *since 1987*

- During FY 2007, the program served 427 refugee and asylee clients throughout Alaska. Of the 147 new enrollees this year, 66 arrived in Alaska directly from their country of origin and another 81 came to Alaska via another state.
- BIA (Board of Immigration Appeals) Accredited Representatives are available to assist clients with immigration legal services such as naturalizations, work permits and applications for lawful permanent residency (green cards).



**Special Needs Services** provides care for individuals who experience developmental disabilities and offers a support system for their families. Trained providers care for consumers in the consumers' home or out in the community. *since 1981*

- Special Needs Services served 160 consumers in FY 2007, providing 35,216 hours of direct care services.

**St. Francis House** provided food and financial assistance to 12,804 unduplicated and 33,868 duplicated clients in our community during FY 2007. *since 1960*

- The St. Francis House food pantry provided 288,366 meals by distributing 434,520 pounds of food and approximately 360 families were provided financial assistance to prevent homelessness and/or to prevent utility shut-offs.

**Teen Homes – Charlie Elder House & McAuley Manor** help homeless, troubled teenage boys and girls learn to live independently, achieve academic success, maintain positive relationships, and contribute to the community. Both homes provide a therapeutic environment, case management services and counseling services in cooperation with Alaska Children's Services. *since 2001 & 1985*

- During FY 2007, 27 teens were provided a home.

Collaborative Community Projects:

The **H.U.G.S.S. (Helping Us Give School Supplies) and Coats for Kids** program is a partnership of Catholic Social Services, The Salvation Army and Lutheran Social Services providing school supplies and coats to children. 4,763 children started school with adequate supplies in August 2007.

The CSS & St. Patrick's Parish **Anchorage Thanksgiving Blessing** provided a traditional Thanksgiving meal to 344 low-income families in November 2006. This is part of a community-wide faith-based project.



**GIFT Holiday Outreach** is a collaboration of community nonprofit agencies, churches, clubs, local businesses and government agencies working together to serve families in need during the holidays. The GIFT project served 10,487 individuals in December 2006.

