

RurAL CAP

2010 ANCHORAGE SERVICES DIVISION FACT SHEET



The Anchorage Services Division provides emergency services (outreach, detox, transitional housing in a 25-bed facility, intensive case management, employment assistance, and public education) to the chronic, public inebriate, homeless population of Anchorage. In addition, the Anchorage Services Division provides Affordable Housing to low-income people in Anchorage and graduates of transitional housing programs, such as Homeward Bound. It does this by collaborating with the network of housing and alcohol treatment service providers and building and maintaining strong partnerships and linkages.

2009 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ❖ Increased Affordable Housing from 50 units in 2008 to 64 units in 2009 for safe, decent and affordable housing
- ❖ Purchase of land in Anchorage for the construction of a new 7-unit affordable housing project using ARRA Neighborhood Stabilization funds
- ❖ Provision of direct services and successful referrals to more than 100 chronically homeless Alaskans through Homeless Outreach and Homeward Bound
- ❖ 1,326 homeless persons were served at two Project Homeless Connect events

2009 Affordable Housing Accomplishments

- ❖ 52 adults and children remained safely housed for 12 months or longer
- ❖ 62 heads of households applied for Affordable Housing rental units
- ❖ 41 units were improved as a result of rehabilitation projects
- ❖ 2 new complexes were remodeled for special needs tenants
- ❖ 2 vacant lots were purchased to design and build a seven-unit building with construction scheduled to begin in 2010



A wheelchair-accessible elevator was installed at the six-unit Davis Street Affordable Housing property in Anchorage. Three units were modified for wheelchair accessibility. The garage area was also weatherized for energy efficiency.



At RurAL CAP, we believe that everyone deserves more than just a place to stay, but a place to call home.

- David Hardenbergh, Executive Director

RurAL CAP Vision: Healthy People, Sustainable Communities, Vibrant Cultures

Making a difference

ANCHORAGE SERVICES DIVISION

ANCHORAGE SERVICES DIVISION PROGRAM OVERVIEW

- ❖ The Anchorage Homeless Outreach Program improves conditions in which homeless people live by increasing access to community services and resources.
- ❖ Homeward Bound is a 25-bed transitional living program offering chronic homeless alcoholics the tools and resources needed to move from decades of homelessness to stable, meaningful, and personally satisfying reintegration into the community.
- ❖ Community Bound is a complimentary component of Homeward Bound focusing on employment and housing. The program encourages clients to engage in community events, participate in social functions and provides opportunities for residents to obtain employment.
- ❖ The Affordable Housing program provides safe, affordable housing for below market rental prices to low income, homeless persons and residents of the Community Bound program.

A Life Transformed: The Story of Paul

Since its inception in 1997, the Homeward Bound program has housed 332 people and graduated 134 participants. Approximately 128 of these individuals are currently in stable housing or a therapeutic environment such as an assisted living home, substance abuse treatment or domestic violence program. Below is the story of a graduate, Paul Mohamad.



Paul Mohamad shares his story with the RurAL CAP Board of Directors.

Originally from Atka, Paul was ten years old when he and his seven siblings moved to Anchorage. Paul and his siblings were adopted into two families' homes in Anchorage. After highschool, Paul entered the Army and served in Thailand and at Ft. Benning and Ft. Wainwright before being honorably discharged in 1969. He held jobs at the Alaska Railroad and worked on the Alaska Pipeline. Due to his alcohol use, Paul began to have difficulty holding down jobs and maintaining a stable home. In 1997, after struggling with these concerns for many years and entering alcohol treatment numerous times, Paul came to Homeward Bound. Paul was hired as a janitor at a local car dealership. After graduating from Homeward Bound in 1999, Paul has continued to maintain his employment with the car dealership for over ten years.

"After being on the streets for so long, I didn't know where to start when I got sober," said Paul. "Having supportive people and services helped me break the cycle of addiction so I could rebuild my life." Paul's strength and courage to overcome years of homelessness and alcoholism inspire others to begin their journey toward recovery. Today, Paul has a steady income, a home, a vehicle and the pride of many accomplishments.

By operating this Housing First program, RurAL CAP has committed to providing chronically homeless individuals with a self-paced alcohol management system designed to meet basic needs while providing the tools to conquer addiction and improve the quality of life.