



ALEXIAN BROTHERS AIDS MINISTRY

Beyond Four Walls, Three Square Meals, and Two Years,
We Provide a Foundation for Change.

Fact Sheet:

- We are one of the oldest and most respected supportive living programs in the Chicago metropolitan region, founded in the late 1980s when the stigma of AIDS meant many with this new illness were abandoned by friends and family and had no one to care for them.
- All residents were either homeless or at risk of homelessness before they came to Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry.
- We operate two facilities. Bonaventure House is located in Chicago's Lakeview neighborhood and The Harbor, in Lake County, serves the northern metropolitan region.
- Not only do the men and women of Bonaventure House and The Harbor struggle with HIV/AIDS; many also suffer from alcohol and drug addiction or mental health issues.
- Each year, we serve more than 35,000 meals to residents because good nutrition is linked to managing the disease of HIV/AIDS.
- Every resident in our facilities works with a case manager, who are all Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors. Residents also have access to occupational therapy and spiritual care.
- Individuals may remain in our program for up to 24 months. Most graduate from our program and move into their own home and have the skills to live independently. This, in turn, reduces their reliance on public aid programs.
- Because of our high success rate and sound financial management, we are often asked to partner with and/or mentor other agencies to provide comprehensive services to those with HIV/AIDS.
- Our program saves lives and resources. According to a study reported in the Wall Street Journal and directed by the Chicago Housing for Health Partnership, those who live in case-managed housing like that run by the Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry save an estimated \$1.5 million in emergency room, hospital and nursing home costs over those who were still homeless.
- Over 1500 people have lived in our residences since we began the program and 82% of our clients have incomes below the Federal poverty line.



The vision of Alexian Brothers Bonaventure House and The Harbor is to transform the lives of people with HIV/AIDS within a compassionate, supportive community by providing:

- a home
- comprehensive services
- spiritual care



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