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Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry & The Faith Community



ALEXIAN
BROTHERS
AIDS Ministry

Our History & Mission

Named for St. Alexius, who gave up a life of privilege to live as a beggar among the poor and sick, the Alexian Brothers have continued to embody a mission to the marginalized for almost a thousand years. They founded Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry (ABAM) in 1989 at the height of the AIDS crisis, and since then ABAM has become one of the most established and well respected supportive living programs in the Chicago metro area.

We are committed to embodying the Alexian Brothers values of

COMPASSION

DIGNITY OF THE PERSON

CARE OF THE POOR

HOLISM

PARTNERSHIP

Guided by the Alexian Brothers' values (at left), the vision of ABAM is to transform the lives of people with HIV/AIDS within a compassionate, supportive community by providing a home, comprehensive services, and spiritual care.

Services Rooted in Faith

The essence of the Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry's work is from Matthew 25:40,

"Whatever you did for one of these the least these brothers of mine, you did for me." Since their founding, ABAM's two facilities, Bonaventure House in Chicago and The Harbor in Waukegan, have offered an array of supportive services to more than 1,500 men and women who came to us as "the least of these".

Through comprehensive case management, licensed substance abuse and recovery services, occupational therapy, spiritual care, and after care, the vast majority of them have been able to rejoin the community as independent, productive members of society. We are one of the only faith-based organizations in the Chicagoland area to provide these particular services to people with HIV.

I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. - Matthew 25:40

Become Our Partner

With the help of our generous donors, most residents find stable jobs, apartments, healthcare, sobriety, and fulfilling lives. We hope that you and your congregation take this opportunity to become a partner of Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry. Help us make a difference - one resident at a time.

We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools. - Martin Luther King, Jr.

Ways You Can Help

- Form a team to support Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry in the annual AIDS Run & Walk in Chicago.
- Volunteer—Refer members of your community to us. We always have volunteer opportunities for friendly, motivated individuals.
- Host a donation drive for items like linens, toiletries, and kitchen supplies that our residents need.
- Share your talents and gifts with our community (e.g. cooking, gardening, worship & prayer, arts & crafts, performing arts, massage).
- Dedicate a collection to Alexian Brothers AIDS Ministry. This support could be annual, quarterly or monthly.
- Recommend us as a stewardship or grant recipient.

Misinformation about the disease and stigma against people living with HIV still hamper prevention, care and treatment efforts everywhere. - Peter Piot, UNAIDS

Education & Outreach

We are available to deliver our message to any of your parish's committees, groups, Sunday school classes, etc. Meet-and-Greet meals are also a great way to see our community in action. Contact us to plan an outreach event.