

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

- In 2009, at any given time, 1,275 at-risk households in Anchorage were on AHFC's waiting list for housing
- In 2009, 1,765 households were homeless on any given night in Anchorage; 468 of these households included children
- At an August 19, 2010 Legislative Health Caucus, every presenter stressed the need for more affordable housing in Anchorage, including transitional, supportive & low-barrier
- Between 1982 & 2010 in Anchorage:
 1. Medical costs rose 418.6%
 2. Energy costs 258.8%
 3. Housing costs 174.4%
 4. All other costs 194.4%
 5. Minimum Wage rose 101.36% (\$3.85 vs. \$7.75)
 6. Average Monthly Wage rose 86.65% (\$2,209 vs. \$4,121-2009 number)
- In order to adequately address homelessness in our community, Anchorage needs an adequate, sustainable inventory of affordable housing, including permanent, transitional, supportive and low-barrier, encompassing rental and home ownership opportunities (Mayor's Homeless Leadership Team May 2010)

What Can You Do?

- Educate: Yourself and others regarding Homelessness in our community & state
- Advocate: For programs & funding with local, state & federal policy makers & elected officials
- Volunteer: At a shelter, food bank, or with a non-profit or faith based organization