

PROGRAMS & SERVICES

Friendship Shelter was incorporated in 1987 to provide year-round shelter and rehabilitation to homeless adults. Today we provide a full complement of rehabilitative services to those most in need and address the many interrelated problems of homelessness. More than 10,000 people have participated in a Friendship Shelter program, and each night more than 150 people sleep safe, warm, and cared for. Our programs include:

RESIDENTIAL SHELTER

Located on South Coast Highway in Laguna Beach, the residential shelter program works with homeless men and women to secure housing and employment or other income. Clients receive all meals and an array of support services, aimed to help overcome the causes of their homelessness. We emphasize ongoing case management and support clients through a multi-layered approach with the goal of securing permanent housing, income, and increased self-sufficiency.

EMERGENCY SHELTER

Located on Laguna Canyon Road near the entrance to Laguna Beach, the Friendship Shelter operates the City of Laguna Beach's ASL Emergency Shelter. There we provide safe shelter for 45 homeless adults each night, meals for anyone who needs one, showers, laundry, and resources to connect guests to housing, health care, and mental health care. The shelter is open year-round and the program operates from 5 PM to 10 AM daily.

HOUSING

Friendship Shelter's housing program is its newest and fastest growing program, and is intended for clients who are chronically homeless and are unable to work due to a disability including physical or mental health conditions. Clients are housed in scattered-site apartments and receive ongoing supportive services from Friendship Shelter staff to ensure they remain safely and stably housed. There are currently more than 80 formerly homeless men and women in our housing program throughout southern Orange County, including at Friendship Shelter's Henderson House in San Clemente. There, transitional-aged youth (aged 18-25) who have been diagnosed with a serious and persistent mental health condition live independently with access to supportive services.