



Simpson Housing Services is a Minneapolis, MN nonprofit dedicated to housing, supporting and advocating for people experiencing homelessness.

The Challenge

The Simpson Housing Shelter project in Minneapolis presented a unique set of demands: a high-performance building envelope that could support both aesthetic appeal and long-term durability, while also meeting strict safety and fire code requirements. As a facility serving vulnerable populations, the shelter needed to be welcoming, secure, and resilient — all within a tightly managed construction schedule and budget.

The Solution

Brin Glass was selected to deliver a full-scope glazing package, including the exterior curtainwall and storefront systems, as well as interior fire-rated glass installations. Our team collaborated closely with the general contractor and design team to engineer and install systems that balanced transparency, thermal performance, and safety. We coordinated logistics and sequencing to ensure smooth integration with other trades, minimizing disruption and maintaining momentum throughout the build.

Results Accomplished

The completed shelter features a striking façade that enhances natural light and visibility, while the interior fire-rated glass provides critical protection without compromising design intent. Brin Glass delivered all components on schedule and within budget, helping the project meet its opening timeline and community impact goals. The result is a facility that is both functional and inspiring — a safe haven built to serve for generations.



Why was Brin Glass best suited for this project?

Brin Glass brought unmatched expertise in commercial glazing and fire-rated systems, along with a deep understanding of how to navigate complex builds with precision and care. As a Top 50 Glazier, our commitment to craftsmanship, proactive coordination, and problem-solving made us the ideal partner for a project where every detail mattered. From design through installation, we delivered results that reflect our values — excellence, reliability, and a passion for building spaces that make a difference.