



The Pantry Door



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St. Augustine's Episcopal Church Answer's Our Call!

Nell Gustafson from *St. Augustine's Episcopal Church* invited our Coordinator, **Kordell Jones** to speak on behalf of the Homer Community Food Pantry, to their **Women's United in Faith** luncheon. We were thrilled to receive a donation of \$715 in response to help out the pantry! Not only did we get the funding, but we also got a few more volunteers at the pantry on Mondays! We are blessed to have your contribution as well as the volunteers!

Mickie Sue Burns, from *Sirens Call Charters*, donated a huge box of mixed fish to the pantry. She said, "We have to take care of each other" What a beautiful gesture and so appreciated!



Thank You Shriners!

Every year, thanks to **Tom Stroosus** and the **Shrines** HCFP receives several lbs of onions. We hand out 100 lbs of onions weekly. We are beyond grateful!



Matthew Dickinson, from **SPH** called to see if we could use some #10 cans of veggies, beans, tomatoes, etc at the pantry. We said, "You Bet!" We utilize these in the meals prepped for the volunteers and the many meals that are made for the Free Fridge! We love the community involvement!



This Spud's For You Homer Food Pantry!

Joey Allred and Doug Fisk showed up at the Homer Community Food Pantry with 500 lbs. of home grown potatoes! We give out 100 to 150 lbs of potatoes weekly so what a welcomed contribution this was. Made us all want to break out and do the **Mashed Potato!**

Thank you so much for helping so many!



Mother Bird Fair Presents Fundraising Opportunity!

**Together,
we can make
a difference!**



HCFP was approached in regards to offering a food table at the recent Mother Bird Fair. It appealed to us as we would be the only vendors! Thanks to **Karen and Wendell Cummings**, and several of the cooks and volunteers at the pantry, we made nearly \$900 for the pantry. This brought about an interesting conversation about HCFP funding. Apparently several are under the impression that the food is simply donated to our pantry. We want to get the word out that the Homer Pantry spends nearly **\$15,000** a month and roughly **\$180,000** annually! We have 3 grant writers on the board but are always seeking out contributors. We serve 167 families and more are signing up weekly. We also serve numerous Vets. Our *In Kind Services* of helping people with expenses other than food needs was cut down to \$200 a year per family. We have people dedicated each week to helping folks find other resources available to them. Someone mentioned that we are always posting the money amounts that are gifted to the pantry so they thought we were flush with funding. Far from it! With the new regs on illegal moose hunting and the poor fishing haul last year, & inflation, our supplies have diminished greatly. We have tried to help more through our **Community Free Fridge** that is open 24/7 and replenished daily. That too has increased costs as well as the time devoted to serving those in need in Homer. If you'd like to donate to the Homer Community Food Pantry you can do that through going on line to the **Homer Foundation** and contribute or call **Mike Miller** 907-235-0541, or **Kordell Jones** at HCFP, 907-235-1968 or simply drop off a check! HCFP open Mondays, 9-4, Th. 12-4.

Providing food and emergency assistance, with compassion, to those seeking our services.

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