



# The Pantry Door

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## The Coordinator's Corner.

School's out! But summer school continues for many in the Homer system. Just a few days before the start of the program, The Homer Community Food Pantry was requested to provide snacks for 30 students over a four week period at the Paul Banks Elementary School.



Dennis Weidler

The first Monday of the program, we were able to deliver a variety of snacks and requested cooking

ingredients like flour and sugar. It turns out they were also including cooking classes as part of the summer school curriculum.

We wish the best for all the summer school students...and enjoy the snacks.

### Did You Know?

There is a difference between a food pantry...and a food bank.

A food bank provides distribution of food items to food pantries and other non-profit food service agencies.

A food pantry provides direct distribution of food items to clients in their area. Their resources include the food bank and other direct donations.



## USPS...They Really Deliver.

Every year, on the second Saturday of May, the National Association of Letter Carriers joins in partnership with Food Banks and Food Pantries throughout the U.S. It's called the Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive and has collected over one billion pounds of food over the past 25 years.

They make it very easy for everyone to donate non-perishable items by simply requesting you leave the items next to your mailbox. The mail carriers pick them up and bring them back to the postal service distribution center. From there, they are all delivered to the local

food pantry or food bank in their service area.

This year was no exception. As you can see in the photo above, volunteer and board member, Bill Wells has taken delivery of several wagon loads of a variety of wonderful food items from this extremely productive one-day event.

Be sure to thank your local mail carrier for their extra effort in making this annual event possible.

It is through partnerships like this that the Homer Community Food Pantry is able to serve over 125 local families each week.

### Join Us In The Parade!

All Homer Community Food Pantry Volunteers are invited to join us in marching in the July 4th Parade. The theme this year is Volunteerism and the Grand Marshalls are Ruby and David Nofziger. Simply meet at the Homer High School parking lot at 5:30 p.m. on July 4th. The parade starts at 6:00. Wear a Food Pantry t-shirt, if you have one.



See You There!

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

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