



The Pantry Door



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Homer Animal Friends You are Simply the Cat's Meow!



Every year **Homer Animal Friends** sponsor a fundraiser for our furry friends. This year they put their paws to work collecting 1,400 lbs of dry food and 22 lbs of canned food. A huge **bark out** to Cathy Harder, Evelyn Seguela, Terry Ellert and Janet Fink-Vol

You rate Top Dog in our Book!

South Peninsula Medical Staff Also Provides Care to HCFP!



In November when I sent the newsletter and Fall Fundraiser flyer to SPH I was told that they would pass it on to their board. In response to that the **Medical Executive Committee** voted to except the challenge and collect 1,200 lbs of food in 12 days. **Molly Kerce** took the funds raised and purchased items that the pantry could use as well as a large amount of things specifically for the homeless. Words can not begin to express our profound gratitude.

'Tis the Season to be Jolly and Very Grateful! Ho! Ho! Ho!



It's no wonder that folks **love** coming to HCFP! Mary, Tonya and Debbie are the first faces to greet everyone as they enter to check in. Mary makes sure you get your protein, Tonya hands out homemade bread, provided by 2 Sisters each week and Debbie signs you up!



RJ and Laura make sure you get everything for a fabulous Christmas feast!



Who's a turkey? Wendell?



Dale has his *moose on* and a jolly hat as he hands out cans!



We all know the incredible work that **Share the Spirit** does each year. **Shari, Susan, Kelly & Jean** were happy to sign you up for toys and a turkey feast! On the right, **Annie** offered free flu shots to those *wanting one?* Thank you **SPH!**



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

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Adrian Ludwig, Saylor Walli and Zoe Martin were happy to help load **West Homer Elementary's** canned goods. I told the girls if I'd known they were wearing lama sweaters I would have worn mine with glasses!
Paul Banks First Graders joined our can food drive this year thanks to Jon Kulhanek! Welcome aboard and we certainly appreciate your participation and all the donations!

Elementary Schools are Schooled in The Homer Community Food Pantry



One of the sweetest things that occurred during our Fall Food Drive was the add that **Little Fireweed** recorded on **KBBI** radio. It was priceless. Every year for the past 3 years **Little Fireweed** has collected food and made a field trip of bringing their gotten gains to HCFP. They pull their filled wagons, completely adorned in candy canes and Christmas Trees. They are given a tour of the pantry and all it's surrounding buildings and then **Wendell Clause** gives each of them one of his colossal chocolate chip cookies!



Paula and Steph from the **American Legion** came in with 20 Christmas sacks to support our *in-kind* program. So thoughtful!



Mark Hesse unloaded approx. 1,000 lbs of food from 3 ships, Sitka, Unalaq and Bowhead Transport. He had to box it and lower it down with a rope. A true *labor* of love and generosity!



After giving presentations at **Big Fireweed** they came over for a field trip as well. The teacher in me had them sort about a 1,000 lbs of food that had been delivered from a barge. They were a great help and couldn't believe all the food we separated.

Every year **McNeil Canyon** has had their students make these souper-soup sacks complete with directions and an adorable personal Christmas card. This year the grades challenged each other. **Melon Purcell** and **Kendall Asperanza** delivered approximately 500 lbs of food! To us you are all winners as is HCFP!



A HUGE THANK YOU to...

Global Credit Union, donation of \$3,000 through their **Cash for Cans** program
Church on the Rock for their donation of \$500 and canned goods.
Bay Welding Services and the entire Bay Welding Family for donating 600 lbs. of food.
Kay Bay Running Club and **The Community Rec** for their very generous donation of food!
Arctic Chiropractic of Homer, Dr Taylor, Anna and their clients for the numerous new toys for kids! They were thrilled!

“Set the wheels in motion and observe the resulting ripples.”