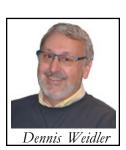
# The Pantry Door

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#### The Coordinator's Corner

77ith Halloween behind us, ✓ Thanksgiving and Christmas are squarely in our sights. That also means a concerted effort to provide nutrition, in conjunction with the spirit of the holidays, to our clients.

Over 250 turkeys have been ordered and the commodities team



has been diligently packing flour into 150 containers to help those we serve with holiday baking. Harvest time

also means potatoes and boxes of various types of lettuce and other vegetables have been finding their way to the Food Pantry on Monday mornings. Many, many thanks to the local farmers, growers and recreational gardeners who assist in keeping our community well fed.

## Haunted Hickory Provides Much-Needed Food Items.



ccording to U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Captain, Marshall Bullock, nearly one and a half tons...2,980 pounds to be exact...of non-perishable food items were donated during the one-day Haunted Hickory. This highly anticipated annual event, hosted by the U.S. Coast Guard in Homer was another huge success for the community and for the Homer Food Pantry. Bright and early Monday morning, October

29th, a dual-axle covered trailer, donated by Josh and Michelle Volland pulled up in front of the Methodist Church atrium.

A team set to work unloading and sorting the thousands of cans donated. According to Board Financial Secretary, Bill Wells, "I think that's close to a record".

In addition to the groceries, an additional \$83 in cash was also donated.

Thank you, U.S. Coast Guard!



## A Special Thanks...

...to Beth Trowbridge and Girl Scout Troop 226 for their willingness to dig three rows of potatoes for the Food Pantry. Those three rows translated into three big bags of potatoes. Good job, team!

And thanks to the Eidems for their generous donation of those potatoes.

#### When Life Gives You Apples... Make Applesauce.

The call went out from Board Member and Treasurer, Ruth Dickerson that the apples were ready for the harvest and the grower was looking for apple pickers. But, what

to do with bushels of apples?

A brief discussion via email determined the best use would be to



make apple sauce. A team was assembled, the apples prepared, containers located and the process began. By the end of the day nearly 17 gallons of apple sauce were

safely tucked into the Food Pantry freezers.

Nice going team!



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