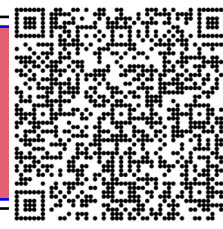




# The Pantry Door



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## Homer Animal Friends!



(Pictured are Cathy Harder, Rio deHomero and Evelyn Seguela)

We are *paws-itively* grateful to **Homer Animal Friends** and their continued support in supplying HCFP with pet food! This year they donated 700 lbs of food and then another 600+ lbs through their annual fundraiser, coming out to over 1,300 lbs! HCFP realizes that our pets provide emotional support, love and companionship and value that tremendously.

**Homer Animal Friends** you are simply *purrr-fect* and we appreciate YOU!

## Community Resource Connect



**Pastor Lisa** with HUMC, **Polly** with Nine Star, and **Cinda** with HCFP were just a few of the volunteers for the **Community Resource Connect** event that took place throughout the state of AK providing assistance to *those in need* at the SPARC on Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>. Coordinators were: **Annie Garay & Kammi Matson-SPH**, **Jane Rohr-Family Planning**, **Cynthia West** -State of Alaska Public Health, **Dana Roberts**-Independent Living Center, **Lindsey Collins**-Haven House, **Pastor Lisa Talbott-HUMC**, **Abby Ferrer-SP Behavioral**, **Missy Martin-AP Food Pantry** and **Cinda Martin-HCFP**. This year we assisted 105 intakes in Homer (78 last yr) and 35 in Anchor Point Soldotna was up 28% with 140. The need continues to increase each year. It's an honor to live in such a caring community!

## Meet Sage Anderson!

Homer Community Food Pantry would like to welcome **Sage Anderson** as a new member to our board. Sage is a Master Herbalist and was born and raised in Homer. She remembers going with her family to the food pantry for so many years. As a single mom, it's been a lot raising three kids and the FP has been an incredible asset. At this point she has been volunteering for years by helping pick up food, helping with social media and assisting every Monday wherever she is needed most, along with her two youngest kids, to help build that sense of community. "I am excited to be on the board so that I can give back to this wonderful place that has helped so many and continues to do so. I look forward to offering my skills and talents as an event coordinator, a lifelong Alaskan, and as somebody who knows what it's like needing the services of such a wonderful organization as the Homer Community Food Pantry." We are thrilled to have you Sage!



## Homer Elks Lodge #2506, We Are Beyond Grateful!



Last August we were gifted \$8,000 from the **Homer Elks Lodge #2506** to be used towards the **Community Free Fridge Project**. The stipulation was that they wanted to be in charge of the spending of the funds, cooking some of the tasty meals and shopping for the food! It was like *manna from heaven*, in our minds! Their grant went through January. **Becky Mizel** and **Tom Gregoire** would collaborate with two of the main Free Fridge Cooks, **Jean Avenshire** and **Wendall Cummings**, in providing food needed to make the daily meals. It has turned out to be an extremely popular

program within the Homer Community. The program was initially presented to HCFP through the Homer Drawdown Committee. **Laura McBride** spearheaded it a little over a year ago and it continues to flourish. The grant through the Homer Elks Lodge #2506 and their dedicated involvement has been outstanding! Becky Mizel and Tom Gregoire are pictured above, along with **Thomas Blaine** from Save U More, purchasing their last cart of food for the Community Free Fridge Project. Becky Mizel said it beautifully, "**Homer doesn't have a soup kitchen, in lieu of that we have a Community Free Fridge!**"

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