The Pantry Door

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I had to put one more picture of... ***Team Hagen!*** ***They are so proud of their giant turnips! They Make our day***

Cooking, an act of compassion and caring!

Jean Auvenshire created delicious dinners of fresh salmon with a cooked cherry sauce, blanched pea pods, broccoli and potato salad. Loopy Lupine had donated over $250 containers and often sells to the pantry at a greatly reduced price. Safeway continues to provide numerous deli delights, salads, vegetables and meats. The Homer Community Food Pantry provides nutritious and delicious meals every Monday to our volunteers. Not only that but they also cook for our Community Free Fridge that is stocked twice a day, seven days a week. Numerous hours are spent in-house prepping the foods. Jean Auvenshire, Irene Roberts and Wendell Cummings are our 3 main cooks, and Jordan Fisk has become a fantastic addition with his smoked meats and marinades that make your mouth water! There are an additional 50 or more folks who prep the countless other foods for the pantry and the fridge. This month's fridge tallies were approximately, 300 dinners, 1,300 sandwiches, 200 hearty soups, casseroles and rice dishes, 200 desserts, 40 salads and numerous miscellaneous items. That doesn't take into consideration all the food items that are donated weekly by various organizations and people. Someone recently dropped off vegetables on a Thursday when we were making food. They said, "Gosh, it doesn't look like you may need this, there's so much food here." When I told her that we were prepping food for the next four days for the fridge, she was quite surprised. We also have people that stock the fridge, and those that go to the different stores to pick up purchased and donated foods. Running the pantry is a HUGE project that encompasses many hours, days and volunteers. We couldn't do it without the generosity and tremendous financial support of so many throughout our beautiful Homer. We provide additional food assistance across the Bay to two different villages, as well as food assistance to over 100 students in need at the HS that don't come to school with enough food or without having a meal. We also donate to the Girl Scout Back Pack Program for students who are couch surfing.

We feed anywhere from 140 to 170 *families* which accounts for over 2,000 people in Homer and the surrounding area. We spend $15,000 a month, $180,000 annually. With the way things are, these numbers are only going to go up!

*A note recently left on the fridge.

Thank You, for all that you do! One of the many couples you help stay healthy and full! Thank you, so so much!

Thinking, that's why we do this.

We are here for each other!

A Special Thanks To Those Supporting **HCFP!**

***Cookies Green House, Bay Crest Green House, Twitter Creek, numerous church organizations and folks who simply walk in off the street and give us their produce!**
***Rumps for their meat donations.**
***Tracy Jones and others with meats.**
***Kim Sweeney and those who give us coolers of fish.**
***ALL the bakeries in town!**
***Marilyn Plintnik for her yummy food donations. *Homer Senior Center for their continued food support!**
As you can see, an extremely caring community reaching out to others! Thank YOU, and our work continues!

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

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