



# The Pantry Door

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## The Coordinator's Corner.


For the past several months, we have experienced a slight decline in the number of households requesting food assistance each Monday. That trend went askew during the last Monday in February. On that day, The Homer Food Pantry served over 150 local



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families, nearly 300 individuals, with as much as we had available. By the end of the day, our tables were nearly bare.

The bread was gone. The potatoes were gone. The frozen meat was gone. The onions, potatoes and carrots...all gone.

We are so thankful to our community for their support to be able to do what we can for those most in need. Thank you for your generous support. 

## A Special Thanks...

...to the Homer-Foundation for their continued financial support of the Homer Food Pantry.

Through the Foundation's Community Chest, the Food Pantry is able to assist many in our community with non-food emergency services such as firewood and emergency housing.

## The Food Pantry Gifted A Van.




The van imprinted with the Food Pantry logo.

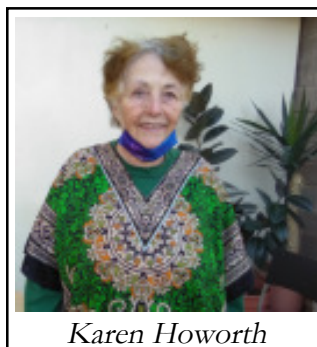
After sending a recent food order to the Kenai Food Bank, Executive Director Greg Meyer returned the email and asked if The Homer Food Pantry would have a use for a van. The Food Bank was the recipient of a grant for a new van and this vehicle was now surplus. The idea was presented to the Board and after about three seconds of deliberation, the answer was returned in the affirmative.

The logo was provided and the 'new-to-us' van is now ready for delivery.

This gift will be extremely valuable as a pick up van for the daily grocery donations and to fetch the moose meat provided by Fish & Game from the McNeil Canyon processors. You may even see it in a parade now and then.

Thanks Kenai Food Bank! We appreciate you thinking of us. 

## Get To Know Karen Howorth.




Karen Howorth

Karen has been a Food Pantry volunteer, in one capacity or another, for the past 25 years. She has been coordinator of the At Risk Table and as the point person for the Recycled Household Goods, formerly known as the Garage Sale. Also during that time she has helped as a grocery pickup driver.

Karen moved to Homer from

Arizona back in 1986 and was the Production Accountant at Icicle Seafoods for over 6 years until, as she so eloquently expressed, "It blew up."

She enjoys photography, gardening and studying modern culture. "And besides, volunteering at the Food Pantry gives me something to do on Mondays," added Karen. 

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