# The Pantry Door

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## The Coordinator's Corner.

A few months ago, we reported that the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank had donated a van to the Homer Food Pantry. Then, a few weeks ago, we took delivery of the van and what a Godsend it has been!

It is being used to transport frozen



fish, daily grocery pick up donations from the local grocery stores and weekly shopping at Safeway, using the

donated gift cards.

This fall, there will be lots of opportunities to haul donated moose meat from McNeil Canyon meats.

Thanks so much to the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank for this most appreciated gift.

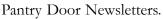
#### A Special Thanks...

...to Coal Point fish processing. They were recently cleaning out their freezer to prepare for the upcoming fishing season and donated hundreds of pounds of beautiful salmon and halibut to the Homer Food Pantry.

Thank you for sharing!

### Getting To Know You, Jessica Shepherd.

special welcome to one of the Homer Community Food Pantry's newest Board Members. Jessica Shepherd was elected to the board at the Annual meeting in January. Joining her were Deb Schmidt and Michael Raymond. We'll be featuring them in subsequent



Jessica is a naturalist, writer, and retired marine educator. Born and raised in Colorado, she has lived in Alaska for the past 30 years, first in the Interior and, since 2009, in Homer.



Board member, Jessica Shepherd enjoying a meal al fresco.

As a gardener, cook, forager, and foodie, Jessica has a heart-felt desire to insure that healthy food is easily and freely available to everyone in the Homer community. Join us in welcoming Jessica to the Food Pantry Board. She is

often seen serving at the Food Pantry during the Monday distribution.

If you get the opportunity, be sure to thank her for her service. Welcome!

#### Food Donations From Local Fishing Boat Cleanouts Continue.

The Homer Food Pantry has been enjoying being the beneficiary of many local fishing boats. As the season arrives to launch again, many Captains and crew are busy cleaning out the freezers, coolers and food lockers to make way for new supplies. Thanks to many who are donating unused food supplies to the Food Pantry.

As a reminder, the best day to make donations is Monday between 8:30 and 3:00. If that's not possible, non-perishables are welcome anytime placed inside the donation bin on the west side of the church building. If your schedule doesn't permit either of those options, then call 907-235-1968 to make arrangements.

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