# The Pantry Door

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#### The Coordinator's Corner.

A special thanks to both Ulmer's and the Coleman Company for their assistance in procuring twenty four, weather resistent, cold-temperature sleeping bags. Both organizations provided generous discounts to the Food Pantry, and those sleeping bags were enthusiastically received!



Thanks also, to our Board Secretary, Lucinda Martin, a key figure in organizing the Project Home-

less Connect for the second time here in Homer and in Anchor Point.

Besides providing sleeping bags, the Homer Food Pantry volunteers packed 50 emergency food boxes for the event. Each box also held a \$50 gift card to Save-U-More.

Thanks to everyone for their diligence.

#### A Special Thanks...

...to the Kenai Food Bank for providing valuable resources to the Homer Food Pantry.

An extra special thanks for the truck-load of items delivered for distribution during the recent Project Homeless Connect.

## 2nd Annual Project Homeless Connect Held January 27th.



This year's Project Homeless Connect was vastly different from the inaugural version last year. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, all services were provided in a drivethrough format.

At last count, over 45 individuals identified themselves as homeless at the Homer Food Pantry location and another 17 at Anchor Point.

24 sleeping bags were handed out...with three more added to a waiting list. Backpacks, hygiene kits, Comfort Bags, vouchers to both Homer Thrift and the Salvation Army and service resource packets all found themselves in the hands of those most in need.

Many local and peninsula-wide organizations stepped up to assemble and distribute these essential resources.

A special thanks to all who helped make this day special and provide much-needed data.

### Welcome To The Newest Board Member.

At the January meeting of the Homer Food Pantry Board of Directors, Laura McBride was elected to the board. Laura brings considerable experience

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background. She worked in a longterm care facility in her hometown of Williston, North Dakota, for a landscape engineering firm in the San Francisco Bay area, in medical records and for the Salt Palace Convention Center in Salt Lake City. Laura added, "In life, it seemed



when stuck, I would try a new job and sometimes a new place to live. Welding was another of my favorite jobs and the metal sculpture I did led me to learning the steel welding trade. I also

went to school to learn to weld aluminum, but my plans to work 'on the slope' were derailed by an amazing young being you know as Violet Blue.

I am honored to be added to this Board"

Welcome, Laura. 🚱

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