



# The Pantry Door

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## The Coordinator's Corner.

This month marks my one year anniversary as Coordinator of the Homer Community Food Pantry. And, what a year it has been.

There are so many facets to the services we provide...and so many volunteers who help keep things running. It has been a real joy to work with so many wonderful servants.



Dennis Weidler

In the past 12 months we have launched a new web site, installed an on-line donation portal, published a monthly newsletter, have a waiting list for daily pick-up drivers and have seen our clients expand. Last year, we served about 125 families each week. This year, it is well over 175. All of this is possible with 100% local support. 

## A Special Thanks...

..to Doug Dodd and Nadya Klingel.

These two team up every Monday from 1 to 3 to provide special services to our clients.

Doug recently purchased two new tents to provide shelter when no shelter existed.

Thanks, you two!

## Master Of Recycling.

Every Monday, the Homer Food Pantry takes in an enormous number of cardboard boxes, plastic wrapping and a variety of storage and packaging materials. Where does it go?


Ask our Master of Recycling and Reusing, Vicki Rentmeester. She is our resident expert on all things recyclable and reusable.

Her team breaks down the cardboard boxes and transports them to the recycling center at Save-U-More. All recyclable plastic also finds its way to the proper recycling location.

We also receive many small plastic bottles, large containers and 'yogurt sized' containers. Vicki assures reusable items are washed, rinsed, sanitized and dried so other volunteers can use them for syrup, laundry soap, flour and even spaghetti sauce prepared by the kitchen staff. As you can see, literally nothing goes to waste.



Vicki supervising her domain..

When we recently put out the request for nut jars for flour containers, Vicki made sure we had a good supply sanitized for our flour packaging. 

Thanks, Vicki!


## Ole! Fish Taco Night A Big Success.

A big Food Pantry Thank You to Board Member, Sherry Stead for hosting a Fish Taco Bar fundraising event at Grace Ridge Brewing on Friday, April 26th.



It was a great evening of fun and very tasty tacos. Another big thanks to Board President,

Thomas McDonough who stepped in and took over as grill master. Both salmon and halibut were served up at the do-it-yourself taco bar. And, yes, there was lots of guacamole.

To add to the festivities, we raised \$808.00 in two hours. Good job! 

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

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