



# The Pantry Door

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## The Coordinator's Corner.

School is out for the summer. The tourists are beginning their annual migration. Homer is alive with activity. So is the Food Pantry.


Thanks to a recent grant from Wells Fargo, funding for the summer meal program for students continues for 2019. Each Monday, a team



Dennis Weidler

assembles two dozen 'boomerang bags' with a variety of foods which are specifically chosen for the nutritional needs and ease

of preparation for teenagers.

A simple way you can help is through the donation of t-shirts. These are easily converted into those 'boomerang bags' mentioned earlier. I'll bet you have an unused t-shirt or two in your drawer at home. 

## A Special Thanks...

..to Homer Refrigeration.

The Food Pantry Walk-in freezer suffered a compressor fan motor failure.

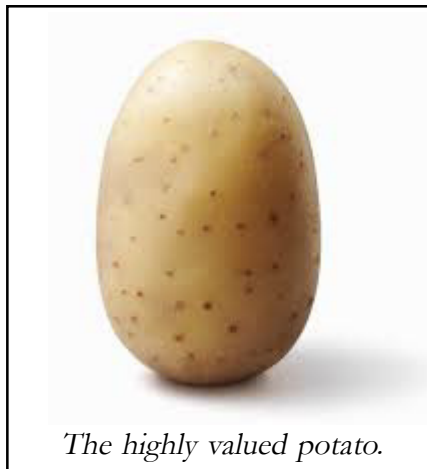
Andy and his team were johnny-on-the-spot and got things back up and running.

And, they donated over \$900 in labor!

## A Potato Mission.

It seems simple enough. The Homer Food Pantry strives to provide potatoes for our clients each and every week. That is often a lofty goal.

Don and Donna from Homer's Oceanside Farms have recently been



The highly valued potato.

donating at least 100 pounds of potatoes each week to meet our goal.

But their support goes well beyond that gift. As in years past, they have partnered with the Homer Kachemak Bay Rotary Club to provide 100 seed potatoes to the club membership. These are divided into packages of 4 potatoes per member. So far, 26 Rotarians have volunteered to be host families to worthy potato plants. These seed potatoes are cut into pieces...each


with at least two eyes, and planted in the rich Homer soil. Apply a little organic fertilizer, water generously, and in a few months, we will begin the harvest.

For several years these efforts have

provided well over 300 pounds of potatoes each season. The club also awards prizes to the Rotarian who has the largest single potato and the highest yield.

As in most worthwhile projects like this, it requires both teamwork and an outstanding partnership.

The Homer Food Pantry appreciates the enthusiasm which so many bring to something as simple, yet so vital, as a potato.

We would like to challenge other groups or individuals to join in the Potato Mission. 

## A Volunteer Appreciation Brunch.

After months of planning, The Homer Food Pantry Board hosted their Volunteer Appreciation and Training Brunch on Tuesday, May 14th.


Those who were able to attend were treated to a tasty selection of pastries and breakfast burritos and



Board Secretary, Ruth, models the new t-shirt design.

an ample supply of fresh, hot coffee.

Included, were the distribution of t-shirts to all in attendance and presentation of the newly published Volunteer Training Manual.

A similar event is planned for this fall, to be held in the evening. 

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

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