# The Pantry Door

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#### The Coordinator's Corner.

**V**7ith Memorial Day behind us, that leaves the unofficial summer season in full swing and the pandemic in our rearview mirror. This new season also provides so many local opportunities for employment. During the last week in May, there were over 300 local job



openings, and these were just the ones listed with the State of Alaska. Coming up later this month, June 19th and

20th, is the Homer Food Festival.. Drop by our site at the Kevin Bell Ice Arena, drop off some canned or frozen food and pick up a copy of the newly published Homer Food Pantry cookbook. It's yours for any donation. Check out the variety of salmon recipes inside.

## A Special Thanks...

...to board members Deb Smith and Bette Seaman for expressing the need for an expanded working relationship with the Homer Farmers Market and to Lauren Jerew for securing the grant funding to make the project possible. Thanks to all involved.

#### **Grant Funding Provides** Fresh-Grown Produce.

For the past several years, the Homer Food Pantry has been in active discussion on the best way to secure fresh produce from local growers.



The Pantry has always been appreciative of the many weekly donations we have received...but wanted to do more. That answer came back clearly this year. Thanks to Lauren Jerew, Director of the Homer Farmers Market, a grant was secured through the Alaska Community Foundation.

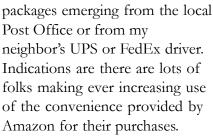
The grant allows the Farmers Market to give the Food Pantry \$250 weekly to spend on fresh goodies at the market.

This supports

both the Food Pantry clients and our local farmers. Funding will be provided in the form of wooden tokens. These spend as cash at the market and will be accepted by food vendors only. Thanks so much for this great example of teamwork where everyone benefits!

## Remember To Order Through smile.amazon.com.

he shipping reports from COVID, and now post-COVID sites, have shown astronomical increases in the



Remember, the next time you



log in to Amazon for the purchase of an item, make sure vou route that transaction through the Food Pantry's

smile.amazon.com listing. It costs no more and the Homer Food Pantry is the beneficiary of a percentage of your total purchase. Easy. Peasy.

Thanks for thinking of the Food Pantry!

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