



The Pantry Door

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The Coordinator's Corner.

We received a communication from the Methodist Church that the garden was going to go unused this growing season. Did we have any suggestions who may be able to tend it to provide fresh produce for the Food Pantry?

I had the opportunity to float the idea among volunteers at the Monday distribution. In total, it took about half an hour to find a willing family to take on the duty.

A special thanks to Katie Steen and her son who signed up on the spot. Food Pantry board member, Jessica Shepherd offered to provide coordination for the project.

Thanks to all for keeping the garden alive and growing. 



Dennis Weidler

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A Special Thanks...

...to the Homer Middle School. Their year-end project was a food drive for the Homer Food Pantry.

Thanks for the call to make arrangements to deliver the canned goods for our distribution.

Way to go!

Vidalia Onions A Gift From The Local Shriners.

What began as a call to assist a client with fuel oil, ended in a delivery of a huge truck-load of sweet Vidalia onions.



Barry Haynes makes the delivery with help from the Homer Food Pantry.

The Shriners of Alaska had just recently wrapped up their annual statewide Vidalia Onion sale. This is held every year at this time to raise funding for the Alaska Children's Tribal Fund. This provides travel services and lodging to children traveling to the Lower 48 for admission to the Shriners Children's Hospital. Thanks to the

state coordinator, Jack Clouse for his great work.

The local contact, Barry Haynes at Petro Marine, asked if

the Food Pantry would be the willing recipient of a pickup load of onions. Needless so say, we were excited at the prospect. Come bright and early Monday morning the truck pulled up and the team set to work unloading hundreds of pounds of beautiful onions. Thank so much! 

Homer Farmers Market Receives Grant For The Food Pantry.

The Homer Farmers Market was recently awarded a grant which involves a 2022 partnership with the Homer Food Pantry.



This is COVID funding, but the grant is through the Alaska Community Foundation. This year's collaboration will be \$8,200 and will be in

two forms. The first being season-long CSA's purchased by the Farmer's Market on behalf of the Food Pantry. The remaining grant funds will be in the

form of a wooden token system which was used last year.

It's another exciting growing season in Homer. 

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

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