



# The Pantry Door

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## The Coordinator's Corner.

I try to learn something new each day. Recently, I learned that for the meteorologist, Fall does not begin on September 22nd or whenever the Autumnal Equinox occurs. Nor is it on Labor Day, our traditional last day of summer. It is, in fact, August 31st. For the meteorologist, summer begins June 1st



Dennis Weidler

and ends August 31st. In Alaska, that makes a lot more sense. Now you can justify that

notion that it does feel more like Fall every day.

In the past 6 months we have provided 32 sleeping bags and 15 tents to clients needing shelter. And, we have ordered another dozen sleeping bags. Hopefully, we won't need them until next summer. Last winter was long and cold. 🌐

## A Special Thanks...

...to all who have donated fish this past season. We received many calls from visiting fishermen who donated their catch to the Homer Food Pantry.

Well done.  
And, Thank you.

## The Big Cleanout.

During the past few weeks, the Homer Food Pantry has been able to clean out two chest freezers, an upright freezer and a walk-in freezer. Now it feels like we are ready for the moose season. Thanks to Fish & Game, the Food Pantry is the recipient of hundreds of pounds of illegally harvested moose. The staff at McNeil Canyon Meats processes the moose at no cost, puts it in two pound tubes and provides it the Food Pantry, frozen and ready for distribution.

During the same clean-out period, we were able to prepare the walk-in cooler for the final wave of locally produced vegetables. A special thanks to the resident clean-up expert, Mark Landwehr for taking the cleaning solution to all of the freezers and the cooler. He takes great pride in keeping everything spiffy clean. So bring on your frozen fish, moose or other processed game. We have the freezer space. 🌐



Mark Landwehr keeps everything spiffy.

## Getting To Know You....

### Mike Kliemann.

“Homer is a land full of saints. I want to be part of the saints.” Those are the sentiments of Mike Kliemann, a Food Pantry volunteer of over 3 1/2 years. He and his brother always imagined themselves in



Volunteer, Mike Kliemann

Homer...and here they are. Mike, who aspired to be a park ranger, began that career in Kingman, Arizona. He also worked for the

Smithsonian Institution in South America, identifying areas to be developed into national parks in Bolivia.

He worked for the BLM in Chicken and Eagle and was an Interpretive Specialist aboard

the Malaspina out of Juneau.

Today, Mike is happy bagging flour, oatmeal, or rice at the Homer Food Pantry. Thanks, Mike! 🌐

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

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