



The Pantry Door

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The Coordinator's Corner.

I really enjoy the change of seasons and the whole back-to-school feel of the end of summer. But this year it is even more bitter-sweet as I step down from my role of Coordinator at the Homer Food Pantry...a role I have thoroughly enjoyed for nearly four and a half years. Two of those years were spent dealing with the challenges of providing food and non-food emergency services at the height of Covid.



Dennis Weidler

I want to thank the Food Pantry Board for allowing me to bring whatever skills and talents I had to further service to our neighbors in a very wide-flung region of Alaska.

But, I still have much to do beyond the scope of the Food Pantry. 

A Special Thanks...

...to all the volunteers, Board members and clients I have had the privilege of working with and serving since November of 2017.

I will miss starting my week with an intense 8 hour day every Monday.

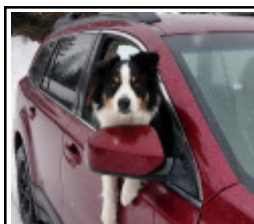
Thank you all for allowing me to serve the community

Getting To Know You: Deb Schmidt.

About 30 years ago, Deb Schmidt moved to Homer with her husband Cal, 2 sons, 2 dogs, a cat and a rat. Deb subbed and taught school at Paul Banks Elementary for 4 years before accepting a full time K-1 position at Nikolaevsk.

Eight years later, a new elementary charter school was opening in Homer and Deb taught Kindergarten at the new Fireweed Academy for 5 years. With 30 years of teaching, it was time to retire.


Since retiring, she found a new purpose in teaching therapeutic yoga to Seniors at the Senior Center and donating much of her time



*Photo shown not actual species.
This is Rio deHomero*

there playing ukulele on weekends, decorating the dining room each month and serving their monthly family nights.

These days she continues to donate her time to the Homer Community Food Pantry, Hospice and the Senior Center. She finds she loves bringing

music wherever she goes. It makes everyone happy! She still believes that those values of kindness, acceptance, compassion, tolerance and respect guide her daily life. That's why she enjoys working at the food pantry so much! After all, "We're here for each other." 

The Kitchen Re-opens.

After being closed for nearly two years, the kitchen used by the Homer Food Pantry has reopened. That means engaging more cooks and preparers, feeding the volunteers and providing take-out meals for so many of the Food Pantry clients. These delicious meals disappear very quickly.


Tim Steinberg was instrumental in seeing the establishment of the kitchen coming back into full



The team boxing the lunches.

service. He plans the meals, recruits kitchen staff and arranges any special culinary requests. From salmon filets to Swedish meatballs, the team puts out an admirable array of tasty entrees.

If you have a heart for cooking or just want to see many in our com-

munity provided a warm meal, this is your invitation to drop by on any given Monday about 8:30 and see where you would best fit. 

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

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