



# The Pantry Door

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## The Coordinator's Corner.

December is the month of Christmas. It is the lead-in to a brand new year. It is the month when winter officially begins. It is the month of the Homer Nut-cracker. Needless to say, there is no shortage of things to do during this holiday season.


The same is true for the Homer Food Pantry.



Dennis Weidler

Thanksgiving is the kickoff for most of us for a season which wraps up on New Years day (not counting

the Super Bowl).

A special thanks to Share The Spirit. Their team has been organized at a sign-up table at the Food Pantry each Monday. They are here to secure the names of families who would most benefit from a Christmas Food Box. Thank you for your service. 

## A Special Thanks...

...to the Homer Lions Club and the Salvation Army for their partnership in providing Thanksgiving boxes to 205 area families.


Teamwork, cooperation and a shared vision accomplish so much more than we can ever do alone.

## The Christmas Tradition Continues.



We are bringing back a fun way to make the holiday season even more memorable. We call it the Reverse Advent Calendar. Take an ordinary cardboard box and wrap it in decorative Christmas paper. Then, beginning on December 1st, begin adding one non-perishable food item each day. It's like an Advent Calendar...only in reverse.

Then, between Christmas and New Year, bring the Advent Box to the Food Pantry. Our team will greet you and place the filled box in our pantry storage area. That way, we can begin 2020 with a pantry full of nutritionally beneficial, and greatly needed, food.


Thanks for all your effort in making 2019 a year of great service to our community. Now, let's work together for an even better 2020. 

## Safeway Hunger Bags Campaign Update.

About a week before Thanksgiving, the local Safeway store called and advised us that there were three pallets of food awaiting pickup at the loading dock. A few days later, three turned into a total of seven and there appears to be even more sight.

According to store Director, Bob Malone, seven pallets have been delivered and Safeway was only about half way through their promotion. Yes, the Homer Food

Pantry can expect a great deal more. So, we assembled a team of truck owners and volunteers to move the donated groceries to safe storage.

How does Homer stack up? According to a Safeway report, our community ranks in the top three or four communities nationwide in on-average, per capita donations to the Hunger Bag campaign. Job well done, Homer. Job well done. 

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

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