



The Pantry Door

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We're jammin' with homemade jams!



Granma's Jam!

If you've been to the Farmer's Market and tried any of **Suzi Pullen's** homemade jams and jellies, you know what a sweet treat it was to be gifted several jars of her award winning, Alaska jams! Granma guarantees you will love them!

Thank You Homer Elks Lodge 2127 for your contribution to the Free Fridge Project!



(Pictured left to right, Laura McBride, Becky Mizel, Peggy Murphy, Marie Dorr-Spell, and Dianne Gerretti.)

In April, members from the Homer Elks Lodge 2127 presented Laura McBride and the Homer Food Pantry with a check for \$724.02 designated for the Free Fridge Project. This organization continues to lend their support in numerous ways throughout our community. We are very grateful!

Lovely, Luanne Webber Our Awesome Free Fridge Angel!



"It is my ministry to help others!"

Luanne Webber

If you are familiar with the relatively new **Community Free Fridge Project**, then Luanne Webber is no stranger to you! From its inception, Luanne has been spending numerous hours preparing delicious homemade soups, salads, sandwiches and whatever she can to stock the Free Fridge each week. Several volunteers worked each week to provide nutritional, homemade meals for the fridge in hopes that the idea would 'catch-on' in the Homer Community *and it certainly has!* Now the fridge is stocked daily. Meals are prepared every Monday morning and Thursday afternoons. There are also numerous drivers who pick up donations, along with local merchants and food establishments who donate. It was a huge undertaking and thanks to Laura McBride, Luanne and numerous volunteers it has come to fruition and families are being fed! It's a win, win!

60/40 Garden

The 60/40 Garden project is a local two-family garden and orchard dedicated to increase the availability of locally grown food for our community. "We seek to augment our own production with produce acquired or gleaned from other local growers that would otherwise go to waste."

Anna Rodriguez Sansom and Marcia Kuszmaul have delivered their 'flat food' fruit leathers and dehydrated vegetable mixes to 7 different food pantries. In total they have served 248 households and 514 individuals. They provide healthy, shelf-stable fruits and vegetables to clientele using produce that otherwise would spoil, reusing glass jars for packaging. They're supporting local growers by dehydrating their 'uglies' that would not be sold at market & using their overproduction.

The 60/40 Garden was the recipient of an Alaska Micro Grant for Food Security!

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