



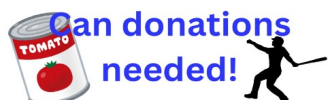
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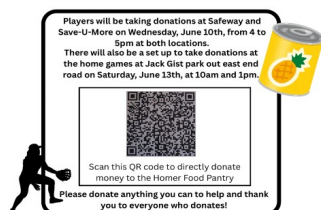
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We Hit a Home Run With the Tsunami Softball Players!



Tsunami softball players are working with the Homer Food Pantry to help their community by collecting canned food donations.



As everyone gets into the swing of giving to HCFP we were so happy to meet with board members from the Tsunami Softball League. They designed their flyer and went to bat to promote the value of *caring and giving at a young age* to those in need throughout our community. They have collected at Safeway and Save U More and will continue to garner donations during their games this summer. ~We hope you... *Hit it out of the park! Games On!!!*

We Bid Farewell to RJ Nelson



Please join us this Saturday at 1:00 to give tribute to one of our longest volunteers, RJ Nelson. United Methodist Church Solarium. Your are missed RJ

An Extremely Caring Community!



When I put out our *May Day! May Day!* flier for the Homer Food Pantry, one of the first to immediately respond to our request was Luke and Katie Jo Gamble from the *Duncan House Restaurant!* They launched their *Raise a Cup* campaign for the Homer Community Food Pantry by donating \$3.00 for every cup of coffee sold for a week. A week later they awarded the pantry a check for \$1,500 dollars! What a quick response as well as a beautiful gesture. I'll drink to that! Cheers and Thank You!

Homer Elk Lodge #2127 Delivers!



Through an ENF Beacon Grant the Homer Elk Lodge #2127 was able to procure food supplies for the Homer Community Food Pantry. Their initial donation included canned tuna, canned chicken, hearty stews and soups, ravioli, granola bars, fruit bars, canned fruits and lunch meats to make sandwiches for our Community Free Fridge. What an amazing contribution! What's more, an additional contribution will be made in July! Delivery of these provisions were facilitated by Exalted Ruler John Mink, Inner Guard Michael Swoboda, Trustee Matthew Hockema and Leading Knight, PER Jill Hockema. They are certainly living up to their mantra that Elks Care, Elks Share! We are humbled and so grateful! Our clients will be thrilled!

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

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We are ecstatic when folks drop by with food for our Free Fridge. Sarah Bolton is here with Seth Higginbotham from Water Rudders dropping

off a ton of tapas from an event he held at his new restaurant! Thanks for thinking of us Seth and check out his restaurant, Water Rudders on Beluga Lake! *Dining and Lodging



Homer Farmer's Market is once again providing fresh veggies for HCFP. We were also happy to get 30+ jars of honey from River View Honey and Pollen. Our clients were all *abuzz* to get this sweet treat! Thank you!

A huge THANK YOU to those who responded so generously to our May Day! May Day! Plea.

*Mark & Mary Edminster
*Barb Gamble
*Maynard & Kathy Smith
*Knights of Columbus
*Kathryn Carssow
*Homer Emblem Club
*St. Augustine's Episcopal Church
*Richard Leirer
*Alice Kravigsky
*Jeff Mayfield
*Nikki Halle
*Michael Stegma
*David Collett-Paul
*American Legion Auxillary
Your selflessness and dedication to helping others is greatly appreciated.
(There have been more donations arriving, these take us through the month of May.)

Thank You Praying Pelican Youth Missionaries for Lending a Hand at the Homer Community Food Pantry!



Humility

We cultivate a culture of honor and dignity, putting others before ourselves and our partners first.



We are unifiers, building bridges through our commonalities as Jesus followers.



It was our pleasure having this youth group helping out at the pantry. They jumped right in helping in the garden, kitchen and the set up and clean up. They even shook their booty in joining Maria's Zumba class! These young folks and their



sponsors were a delight to work with and a great representation of their mission to build up, encourage, and assist the local Church in serving and reaching their communities for Christ. We whole heartily give thanks to the *Praying Pelican Mission*.



Homer's Community Free Fridge has been an amazing asset for our town. This past month of May we made 300 dinners, 350 soups, 1,180 sandwiches 194 slices of pizza, 190 bread pudding 146 salads, and many other items donated through the Safeway deli, Homer Senior Center Cooks and the SPH cooking crew. We fill this twice a day, seven days a week. There are

often fresh vegetables and fruits, deli meats and such that comes from Safeway and people stopping by to drop things in, also from events that have taken place. Through May, money spent on the fridge was roughly \$1,400 dollars. (*quite a bit off of my last quote*) We are trying to calculate what is used through the pantry in order to keep better records. Many of the dinners, soups and salads utilize donations to the pantry and some things are purchased. (*Pictured above are Laney and Tiya Martushev who made lasagna plus much more for the fridge*)

"Set the wheels in motion and observe the resulting ripples."