



The Pantry Door



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Every Fall HCFP has a huge canned food drive throughout Homer. Schools are wonderful in collecting canned and non-perishable food items. It's become a tradition that students are encouraged to make a field trip out of it as we put them to work sorting their contributions into various totes. We are trying to instill in them at a very young age the value of helping others. Many of their families also utilize the food pantry and they are thrilled to be able to help! We give them a tour of the pantry and Wendall treats each of them to one of his famous cookies! One of the student's from the HS said, "Yesterday we went to the food pantry. I sorted fruit and packed dog and cat food with Ms Tanya. It made me feel good because I was helping my community. I like helping people."

Changing of the Guard!



Cinda Martin & Karen Nogle
Words cannot express our
gratitude to you Cinda!

Our former President, Cinda Martin is giving up her position on the food pantry board. She's been a long time dedicated member since 2015. She served as a treasurer and then president! Stepping up to take the reins is Karen Nogle. We are all happy to have Karen at the helm bringing with her a wealth of knowledge in management and a strong dedication to the Homer Community Food Pantry! It's a steep learning curve as Cinda passes on her knowledge. You can still see Cinda there donating her time on Monday's and helping with the transition as we carry on with our mission...

"so that none may go hungry"



Every month I try and highlight various aspects of the food pantry. We have a High School program where we address food insecurity. Winter Marshall-Allen, who serves as the Intensive Needs Coordinator, acknowledged that our support provides 78-90 different students. This number represents not just meals, but dignity, stability and the opportunity for students to focus on learning rather than hunger. When her students help at the pantry it fosters pride, belonging and civic engagement. *Through our partnership with HCFP, students in our Intensive Needs programs are able to participate in meaningful community-based instruction by helping at the pantry.* *Tena Seaton is the coordinator of the Girl Scout Backpack Program. HCFP provides food for weekend backpacks that are available to students who are couch surfing or living outside of their home. They fill the backpacks and students take them as needed.



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We are so grateful to...

- *The continued support from;
- *Michael Stegeman
- *Sons of the American Legion
- *Safeway, for their huge protein donations, deli fruits & veggies.
- *Fat Olives for their weekly 50lb bags of onions, carrots, potatoes and cheeses.
- *Two Sisters for baking fresh breads every week to distribute on Mondays
- *Save U More, *Bear City Breads
- *Ulmers for their sweet treats
- *The Duncan House
- *Captain's Coffee & *Kohls

In Honor of Elaine Grabowski

We thank...

*Mary Tricamo-Park, *Marsha Rouggy, *Robin Connolly, *Janis Zanini, *Debbie Smith, *Mary Griswold, *Mary Miotke, and *Carol Richardson. We greatly appreciate those who donated anonymously as well and above all, thanks to

~Elaine~

Just the few stats...

We had 4 Mondays in February in which we served 602 check-in clients. We sent bay boxes to Nanwalek serving 147 people and Port Graham serving 20 people. In canned goods we gave out approximately 3,178 cans of food, 593 came from donations, (18.7%). As expected our donations have gone down with the holidays ending. We try to order as much as we can from KFB as they charge 19cents per pound. Last Monday we served 170+ families, our numbers are going up!

Free Fridge Facts...

249 dinners, 165 soups, 1,183 sandwiches, 197 slices of pizzas, 176 desserts, 89 yogurts, 82 casseroles. A huge THANKS to Homer Senior Center for their soups and meats and South Peninsula Hospital!

Christian Valley Church



Every year we are visited by numerous church groups that are traveling through and stop in to *lend a hand* at the pantry. Here we have Ethan Smith with a group of young girls from the Christian Valley Church. They spent the entire Monday sorting and cleaning vegetables as well as helping out in our kitchen. We appreciate all your help and thank you!



We are always thrilled to get new people on board in helping at the pantry. Our new happy mother/daughter duo is Erin and Hava! We're also happy to have Dr. Ralph Broshes who shows up every Monday with a smile and is glad to help!

Things Needed:

- *We are looking for a volunteer morning cook as ours is taking a bit of a break. Hours are usually from 8:00-12:00 and we serve around 30 volunteers.
- *We still need drivers and free fridge stockers *garden help!
- *Egg cartons. We no longer need containers or boxes.

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