



The Pantry Door



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Harvesting Kindness!



Duncan House Delivers!

Our Homer Community is absolutely amazing when it comes to outreach for those in need. This year the Duncan House offered a special Burger Night with all donations going to the HCFP. It was a huge success raising \$4,369 in two hours! That's a lot of burgers as well as numerous generous people. When you want to know, *Where's the beef, burger that is*, think of the Duncan House! We so appreciate, Charles, Jeff, Nina, Katie Jo and Luke!



The Porcupine Theater and Susannah Webster

hosted a Community Potluck and Fundraiser for HCFP. Many folks brought their favorite dishes and enjoyed a conversation with

board members and people throughout the community, learning about the food pantry as well as the Community Free Fridge. There were stories about how the pantry started, given by Annie Whitney as well as testimonials by people who have used the food pantry and utilized the free fridge. A big thanks to David Webster for providing great music on his sax. Overall, an informative evening and a huge success! Thank you Porcupine for all you do for the non-profits in Homer! You are a blessing to so many

Let's Talk Turkey!



Jenny, Deb and Sarah join the flock to help.



*Wendall cooks and the Susans prep and distribute the fruits and veggies.*Gracie and Laura were ready to handout all the fixins'! An entire rafter of turkeys showed up to lend a wing prior to Thanksgiving at the food pantry coop. Our volunteers and clients celebrate this time of giving and sharing. We genuinely try and make everyone's experience at the pantry to be one of kindness, compassion and belonging.

*Deb, Wendall, Sarah, Karen and Heidi



*Every year Little Fireweed makes a field trip out of coming to the pantry with their canned goods. This year Wendall had the students sort their offerings into various crates of stuffing, fruits and veggies, etc. Then they're treated to one of Wendall's famous chocolate chip pistachio cookies! Meanwhile Deb gets to tell them about the food pantry, how it works and teaches them her father's Turkey Day Song, complete with gobbling of course! We all got to strut our stuff! *The middle picture above shows sisterly caring and love. *Eleven Cents After the presentation on the pantry, a little girl came up to me extending her hand. In it was 11 cents. It was all she had, but wanted to give it to help at the pantry. More than anything, I was touched by this heartfelt gesture. (she's pictured on the right.)

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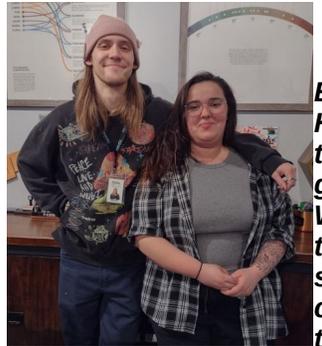
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A Caring Crew
Captain Corey Enis and crew, Daquan Hall from the Boat Cavek, owned by Vitus Marine gave us several hundred lbs. of meats and other various

foods. I am always amazed at the number of people and the numerous businesses that think of bringing their extra supplies to HCFP as well as other non profits. It is truly humbling and so appreciated. There really are so many good & caring folks.



Uncle Herbs is Smokin'
Every year Herb's Herbs brings in a ton of canned goods to HCFP. When I asked how they did it they said they offer a certain amount of their product for

five cans of food! How creative is that! Pictured above are Brooks and Erica



Eric Waltenbaugh, principal from West Homer Elementary, delivered the goods from his school! Apparently they had a contest between the grades and Ms. Parper's Class won bringing in 139 items! Altogether we received a total of 659 things of food! You are all winners in our book!

The Youngins' vs The Wise Ones!



Every year the folks from Bay Welding show up with an amazing amount of food that they have collected. Cheyenne Lambert and Victoria Brandt are shown with their November cache. They indicated that they have a competition between the Youngins' and the Wise Ones! At this time, the Youngins' were leading by just a few cans! Can't wait to find out with their December contributions who won! Actually the Homer Food Pantry Wins! What a fun way to make a very good cause happen! Again, a huge THANKS to Eric Engebretsen, Victoria Brandt, Cheyenne Lambert and the entire Bay Welding Family!



A Plethora of Potatoes!

Alaskan Homestead Education and Mariah Kerrone, located out at Nikolaevsk, donated several hundred pounds of potatoes to HCFP! It took several bags and days to load the taters! Mariah indicated that she had to get them out as her husband needed his shop back! Thanks to Irene Roberts and all those who helped to bring these to our pantry. Folks love this fresh, colorful, home grown potatoes!



This Spud's For You!

Every year the Rotary Club has a competition to see who can grow the most potatoes out of 4 starts. And the winner is....Charlie Franz! It would seem that Charlie has quite the green thumb! It's our good fortune to be the beneficiary of these spectacular spuds!

We are so grateful to...
*Michael Stegman *Ryan Smith
*Leah Evans Cloud *Kathleen Madej
*Dave & Ruby Noziger Debi Poore & Charlie Gibson *Julia Bevins *Mel Strydon *Sons of the American Legion and so many others! Simply put, without YOU we wouldn't be here

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