



The Pantry Door



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Vicki, Our Recycling Queen!

Vicki

Rentmeester has been with the HCFP for over 20 years. She's compassionate about recycling and looked forward to coming in every Monday. She's moving on to live near her family. Here's to your new journey Vicki! You will be greatly missed. We wish you the best!



Thank You Credit Union 1



We were honored to be the recipient of \$10,000 from the new Credit Union 1 Homer Branch at their Grand Opening. The Homer Community Food Pantry was selected as the 2026 Leading Change Partner. We were initially told that the check would be for \$5,000 and were thrilled to find out it was for \$10,000! Not only that, but they stepped forward and generously offered to pay for the venue of our recent Alaskan Arts and Adventures Auction at the Porcupine Theater. It was a beautiful day as well as a beautiful gesture. (Pictured above are HCFP board members Ruth Dickerson, Karen Nogle, Deb Schmidt, Patricia Alyward, Sarah Bolton, Chief operating Officer, Erika Smith and Vice President of Marketing and Communications, Kerry Younges) We are incredibly grateful!

Our Sincere Appreciation Goes Out to the Alaska Community Foundation!

The Alaska Community Foundation awarded HCFP \$5,000 from the Elmer and Ruth Schwantes Fund. The grant will go towards Food Security and was a Nourished Communities Partner Match to the Youth Advisory Committee (YAC) grant that we received earlier this year. HCFP provides food to the Homer High School every two weeks for students who are in need and/or not getting enough food at home or possibly couch surfing. We also provide weekly fresh food boxes to Flex and assist the Homer Headstart. Throughout the year we encourage students to come in and help sort, help with set-up or do their Senior Project through us. Winter Marshall-Allen can be seen with her HS students lending a hand!



The ladies who tend BOB, the mobile bookmobile, were thrilled to host a field trip from *Little Fireweed* to hand out new books. We do love BOB! Way to encourage reading!



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

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Upcoming Events!

*September 27th, free vaccination clinic for cats and dogs sponsored by the Homer Animal Friends and held at the Homer Animal Shelter. Go on line to register. Last date for online registration is Sept. 25th.

*Date for our upcoming Empty Bowl Fundraiser is Friday, November 6th. If you are a potter we'd love to get some bowls as we run out every year! It has become a Soup-er Bowl Event for the entire Homer Community! More info to come.

Homer Emblem Club #350

We certainly appreciate all your hard work in providing a canned food drive all summer during your Wednesday night Bingo and selling baked goods for HCFP. Your monetary donations, in the way of food cards, are a win for all!

So Grateful to...

- *David and Ruby Nofziger
- *Donna Martin
- *Homer Real Estate Associates
- *Sons of the American Legion
- *David Collett-Paul
- *Jackie Norwell-in memory of RJ
- *Danielle & Matthew Freund
- *Joan and Joseph Mello
- *St. John's Catholic Church
- *St Augustine's Episcopal Church
- *Homer Animal Friends
- *Sea Sharers
- *Chugach Wild Fish Co.
- *Duncan House
- *Homer Senior Center Cooks
- *Safeway, Save U More
- *Two Sisters
- *Bear City Breads
- *Captains
- *Fat Olives
- *Rumps
- *Farmer's Market
- *Senior Center Sandwich Club

Together we are making a
difference,
~so that none may go hungry!~

Elks Lodge #2127, Delivers Their Third Donation!



Wow! The Homer Elks Lodge #2127 showed up once again with a tremendous donation! They mentioned that they have also contributed to Anchor Point as well as Ninilchik! They are certainly supporting the lower Kenai Peninsula! Pictured above are some of our fabulous Thursday Kitchen Crew who make meals for our Community Free Fridge, wonderful volunteers from the Latter Day Saints, and of course the Elks who are living up to their mantra of... ~Elks Care and Elks Share~

I am continually amazed at the number of folks who are passing through Homer or leaving for the winter and show up with their donations for the Homer Food Pantry. There's also a number of fishing boats, and restaurants who drop off their end of year stock to the pantry. Below we have a young couple from Germany as they are departing Alaska & Tracy and Chrissie who are snowbirds



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