

KENAI PENINSULA Food Bank

Food For Thought NOVEMBER 2022

Endings and Beginnings

As this year ends, we look back at everything that's happened, and forward to the new beginnings of next year. This year has been particularly difficult for both our community and the food bank, with rising prices of food and fuel, food and worker shortages, and increases in food insecurity. Even the government commodities that fill our senior and family food boxes are dwindling, with less commodities available at the federal level. As supplies become scarce, more and more seniors, children, families, and individuals are seeking food assistance from the food bank. We've been serving more with less! With all these challenges, your support counts even more than ever before! Over this year, your donations have gone towards feeding the thousands of individuals and families suffering from food insecurity on the Kenai Peninsula, providing aid to our more than 70 partner agencies, assisting businesses and the local economy, and supporting local farmers. This year, 1,425,444 pounds of food were distributed and over 22,000 hot meals were served. Despite the successes, we still have a long way to go to ensure that nobody goes hungry. Please consider lending us your continued support during this holiday season by filling out the remittance envelope or scanning the QR code. Thank you for all you've done, and for your continued partnership!



*KPFB's Employees and Volunteers Wishing
You a Happy Holiday Season!*

WHAT'S NEW?

Thanksgiving Meal
November 23rd - 11:30 am to 1 pm
Bark Block and Bowl Event
December 10th - 1 pm to 4 pm
Christmas Meal
December 23rd - 11:30 am to 1 pm

THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.

Fond Farewell to Morganette Finch



Morganette has been a pillar of the food bank for many years--first as a volunteer and then as a valued employee. She has worked tirelessly everyday to ensure that our neighbors receive the food they need. Her smiling face has comforted all who walk in the building, and her compassion shines through everything she does. You could always count on Morganette to cheer you up when you were feeling down. From paperwork to interacting with neighbors, her work has always been excellent too. Thank you for all you've done for our community and KPFB! We will all miss you, Morganette!

Upcoming Events

GIVE WHILE YOU SHOP!

WHILE YOU'RE SHOPPING, PICK UP A FEW EXTRA ITEMS AND PUT THEM IN THE FOOD DRIVE BIN AT WALMART



Join Walmart in Kenai as they host a food drive before Thanksgiving to help feed those suffering from hunger during the holidays!



11/2/22 THROUGH 12/29/22



Capstone Clinic in Kenai is hosting a food drive to help hungry families over the holiday season. Donate non-perishable goods today by visiting their Kenai clinic!



HILCORP SPONSORED BROWN BEARS NIGHT FOOD DRIVE

Join us in rooting for the Brown Bears and feeding the hungry at the Hilcorp sponsored Brown Bears vs Anchorage Wolverines game! Free admission with a donation of non-perishable food items for KPFB. Recommended food donation of 2 items per attendee.

SOLDOTNA SPORTS COMPLEX DECEMBER 2 7:30 PM

BARK-BLOCK n BOWL



PEN DOG

DECEMBER 10 1 PM - 4 PM



KENAI POTTERS' GUILD

Pen Dog, the Kenai Potters' Guild, and KPFB are partnering together for a family and pet friendly event! There will be pictures with Santa for all the pets, pottery for sale to benefit KPFB, and beautiful Lego structures on auction. Desserts and beverages will be provided for pets and people!

33955 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DRIVE, SOLDOTNA





thank you

To all our amazing volunteers, staff, board members, donors, and sponsors!

THE ROTARY CLUB OF SOLDOTNA BUILT AN INCREDIBLE WOOD SHED FOR KPFB, AND ELLEN WEST DONATED FIREWOOD TO FILL IT UP!



KENDALL FORD OF KENAI AND KENDALL CHRYSLER DODGE JEEP RAM OF SOLDOTNA RAISED ALMOST 100 LBS OF FOOD FOR KPFB DURING THEIR KENDALL CARES FOOD DRIVE!



ALASKA USA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION KENAI AND SOLDOTNA DONATED AN AMAZING AMOUNT TO KPFB FROM THEIR CASH FOR CANS EVENT!



CENTRAL PENINSULA HOSPITAL, ALYESKA TIRE & AUTO SERVICE, AND PEN DOG MADE OUR IT'S SCARY TO BE HUNGRY EVENT A SUCCESS!

CREDIT UNION 1, KENAI PENINSULA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS, 4-H, AND THE IDEA HOMESCHOOL PROGRAM MIDNIGHT SUN CHAPTER ALL HOSTED FOOD DRIVES DURING NOVEMBER!



DEB BLIZZARD MADE AND DONATED KNITTED HATS TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS STAY WARM THIS WINTER!



PETRO MARINE SERVICES, ESSENTIAL ONE, AND THE LINDSEY FAMILY DONATED A TOTAL OF 10C PER GALLON OF FUEL PURCHASED IN NOVEMBER TO HELP KPFB FEED THOSE SUFFERING FROM HUNGER!



TERRA LUNA PHOTO + FILM, ALL AMERICAN TRAINING CENTER, ODYSSEY FAMILY PRACTICE, ORCA THEATER, AND LOCALZ ALL PARTICIPATED IN THE ONE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOOD DRIVE THIS NOVEMBER!

MARATHON EMPLOYEES GATHERED TO PUT TOGETHER OVER 200 FOOD BOXES FOR OUR NEIGHBORS IN ANCHOR POINT!



KENAI PENINSULA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS COLLECTED 2,228 POUNDS OF FOOD DURING THEIR ANNUAL FOOD DRIVE AND DONATED IT TO KPFB!



THANK YOU FOR MAKING THE **TRICK OR TREAT** FOOD DRIVE A SUCCESS!



**MARATHON
PETROLEUM**



**MOSSY OAK
PROPERTIES**



**KALADI BROTHERS
COFFEE**



MATTRESS RANCH



**MOUNTAIN VIEW
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**ONLY 500 POUNDS OF FOOD
TOTAL WERE COLLECTED
DURING THE MONTH LONG
FOOD DRIVE ON THE KENAI
PENINSULA! THIS WAS THE
FIRST YEAR KPFB JOINED IN
THE MULTI-CITY
(ANCHORAGE, FAIRBANKS,
AND BOISE, IDAHO) EVENT
PUT TOGETHER BY BRAD
SCHMITZ. A GRAND TOTAL OF
5926 POUNDS OF FOOD WAS
RAISED FOR THOSE
SUFFERING FROM HUNGER IN
OUR COMMUNITIES. THIS HAS
BEEN THE MOST SUCCESSFUL
YEAR EVER FOR THE EVENT,
AND KPFB WAS HAPPY TO BE
PART OF IT!**



FRED MEYER



**FIRST NATIONAL
BANK ALASKA
(SOLDOTNA BRANCH)**





Serving *The* Kenai Peninsula

Did you know?

Did you know that the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank covers the entire Kenai Peninsula? Through a network of over 70 partner agencies comprised of food pantries, senior centers, community centers, shelters, treatment centers, schools, and village outreach, KPFB is able to distribute food across 25,000 square miles. The over 40 communities in the area include Nikiski, Sterling, Moose Pass, Seward, Hope, Ninilchik, Anchor Point, Homer, and Tyonek.



NIKISKI



HOPE



TYONEK

Getting help out to those in need

By whatever means necessary, we transport food – plane, barge, boat, truck, car or sled. KPFB works tirelessly with our community partners to ensure all our neighbors have access to nutritious food. Meals are prepared for the Nikiski Shelter of Hope and at KPFB. Your donations truly support KPFB’s efforts to ensure that all our neighbors are fed. Every day, we are living out our mission: “We Feed People, Because Nobody Deserves to be Hungry.”



HOPE



ANCHOR POINT



SEWARD

Thank you for your support and for considering a year end gift to KPFB!

Volunteer of the Month: Linda Tannehill

Linda Tannehill has been a volunteer and Board Member for the food bank for years. Whenever something needs to be done, she is always right there to help! She volunteers every Saturday, and is a staple at all of our events. Whether it is sorting produce, serving in the kitchen, cleaning, tending the garden, or any other task, Linda can be found rolling up her sleeves to get the job done. She has also worked tirelessly on the KPFB Education Committee, and has been a huge part of reducing animal hunger through her work with Pen Dog and animal food drives. She has a passion for pets and people alike! Thank you Linda for your dedication to serving our community!



YOU CAN NOW DONATE WITH YOUR PHONE!

1. Open your camera and hover over the QR code
2. It will give you the option to open the QR link in your phone's web browser
3. Click on that option, and follow the steps in the online form to donate

More ways to donate:

Online:
kpfoodbank.org/donate-now

Phone: 907-262-3111

Mail or In-Person:
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WE FEED PEOPLE BECAUSE NOBODY DESERVES TO BE HUNGRY!



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