



Food For Thought

March 2022



WHAT'S NEW?

Raffle Tickets	For Sale Now
Spring Festival	June 17
Food Bank in the Park	July 21
Soup Supper	August 20
Hunger Auction Month	September
It's Scary to be Hungry	October 1

HAPPY SPRING!

When I took my morning walk today, I heard the sweet chirping of birds and smelled the fresh aroma of new growth. Spring is officially here! As beautiful as the snow was this year, I think all of us are ready to see the green and pink of spring, start our gardens, and prepare for fishing! With the weather changing, it's hard not to notice how the world is changing as well. In these uncertain times of the continuing pandemic, rising prices, and conflict over seas, I am so humbled to see how our community is pulling together. Without your continued support, we would not be able to help our neighbors. Thank you for all you do!

As time springs forward, we're springing into action here at the food bank, preparing for all our spring and summer events. It has been challenging to continue navigating the supply chain problems, pandemic, and rising prices, but we are so thankful for our community and fellow nonprofit organizations who have partnered with us in this time.

Each day, we work hard to feed our neighbors on the Kenai Peninsula, and look forward to seeing the smiles on their faces and hope in their eyes for better days ahead. Please know that your support is indispensable to our mission, and the food bank staff, board, and volunteers never take this amazing community for granted. Your continued support, partnership, and encouragement in caring for our neighbors is an incredible gift that makes living on the Kenai Peninsula the best place on earth. Thank you!



Morganette sorting spring veggies



YOUR GIFTS TO OUR NEIGHBORS CAN'T BE MEASURED!



y hosting and sponsoring food drives and fundraisers, you have contributed to the total of 188,370 pounds of food distributed so far this year! The Fireweed diner has distributed over 5,000 meals, and the direct services

has given almost 60,000 pounds of food since the new year. We have also been able to provide our partner agencies with over 86,000 pounds of food over the past three months. Thank you all our wonderful sponsors, hosts, and donors! You have a huge impact on the success of our fundraisers. By supporting events, you are also supporting your community!



Staff at the Saint Patrick's Day parade.

Thank you to our amazing event sponsors so far!

Join our amazing donors in supporting the food bank through sponsorships of our annual fundraisers! We have four sponsorship opportunities this year:

- Join CIRI in supporting our Spring Festival and art auction on June 17th.
- Help Central Peninsula Hospital (CPH) in sponsoring our Food Bank at the Park on July 21st.
- Join CPH, ConocoPhillips, PCHS, and Johnson Insurance Group in supporting our Soup Supper this August 20th.
- Help CPH in sponsoring the It's Scary to be Hungry on October 1st.



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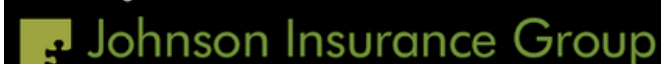
Platinum



Silver



The Missing Piece to the Insurance Puzzle.



Thank you Hilcorp employees!



Hilcorp employees have donated generously over the past three months!

Thank you Link Year!



Link Year volunteering in the warehouse and kitchen.

Thank you Diamond Dance Project!



DDP delivering annual food drive donations at KPFB.

Thank you Kenai Public Health!



Kenai Public Health clinic delivering free COVID-19 vaccinations at KPFB.

Thank you Soldotna Rotary Club!

Mark Dixson and Greg posing with the 179 pounds of food from the Soldotna Rotary Club food drive.



Thank you Gary and Sharon Hale!

Gary and Sharon donated the proceeds from their Christmas Lights display to the food bank.



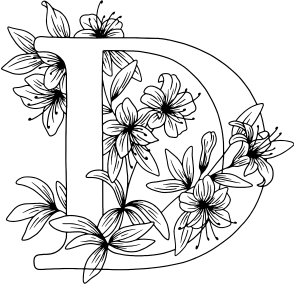
The Brown Bears hockey team, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Kenai Peninsula, and the food bank partnered together for a fundraiser and food drive.

Thank you Brown Bears, Hockey Fans, and Boy and Girls Club!



Rhoda and Lilly having fun at the KPFB booth.

VOLUNTEER HIGHLIGHT: DONNA COTMAN



Donna is in the food bank every week! Many people who know Donna describe her as thoughtful, giving, and always looking for ways to help everyone around her. During the uncertain times this year, Donna has been a constant here at the food bank. She works tirelessly in the kitchen serving our neighbors, cleaning, and doing anything else that is needed. Not only is she here on her scheduled volunteer days, but she also answers the call for every event and



Donna happily serving a neighbor during lunch.

special occasion! We know we can rely on her dedication, timeliness, and excellent work ethic to help our neighbors and staff. Donna also puts together our emergency food bags on the weekends. "Donna is always here and willing to help with whatever is needed!" Greg said. As a volunteer of almost ten years, we can't express how much we appreciate everything you've done, Donna!



Donna helping out at the Saint Patrick's Day lunch.



Some of Donna's handiwork on the weekend emergency food bags.

Try out our new volunteer system: Volunteer Scheduler Pro!

You can sign up at the food bank or on our website at kpfoodbank.org!

Download the Volunteer Scheduler Pro App

With the app, you can:

- 1) View your schedule and open positions
- 2) Submit sub and assignment requests
- 3) Get push notifications for upcoming shifts

DOWNLOAD FROM THE APP STORE

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SISTER PERRY!

Join us in welcoming Sister Perry as a new volunteer from March to July!



UPCOMING EVENTS

Spring Festival

June 17th, 11 am to 3 pm. Join us for our art auction, celebration of local foods, and food drive!



Food Bank at the Park

July 21st, 11 am to 9 pm. Join us for entertainment, vendors, and food drive!

Soup Supper

August 20, 5-9 pm. Join us for delicious soup, live and silent auctions, and more!



It's Scary to be Hungry

October 31st, 4-8 pm. Join us for trick-or-treating and food drive!



And the winner is... You!

OUR ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKETS ARE FOR SALE AT THE FOOD BANK AND OUR EVENTS!

Honda HRX Push Mower

\$10 per ticket

To be drawn at the

Kenai Peninsula Food Bank Spring Festival

June 17, 2022

(need not be present to win)



John Deere X350

Lawn Tractor

\$25 per ticket

To be drawn at the

Kenai Peninsula Food Bank in the Park

Progress Days

July 21, 2022

(need not be present to win)



2 Round Trip Tickets

Anywhere Alaska Airlines Fly's



Only 100 tickets will be sold

\$100 each

Winner will be drawn at the Food Bank Soup Supper
August 20, 2022 at the Soldotna Sports Center

Polaris Sportsman 570

Premium 4-Wheeler

\$50 per ticket

To be drawn at the

Kenai Peninsula Food Bank Soup Supper at the Soldotna
Sports Center

August 20, 2022

(need not be present to win)



VISIT OUR NEW WEBSITE AND SOCIAL MEDIA PAGES!

Visit our new and improved website at KPFoodBank.org to sign up to be a volunteer, donate, keep up on events, and so much more!



Follow our Instagram page to see what's cooking in our kitchen, what events are coming up, and more!
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Check out our Twitter page to see what's happening every day at the food bank!
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We feed people, because no one deserves to be hungry! The Kenai Peninsula Food Bank, Inc.'s stated mission is to promote public awareness of hunger issues.
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