

KENAI PENINSULA FoodBank

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

June 2022

SUMMER SKYS, WINTER GOODBYES!

As I watered my flowers this morning, I felt more warmth in the sun than days past. Looking around, I realized the squirrels and hares had shed their winter coats, the bees were buzzing, and I even saw my first mosquito of the season. Upon seeing these beautiful (and some less beautiful, like the mosquitos), I realized that summer is officially upon us! This summer has brought new hope, with restrictions being lowered and gas prices going down. There is new hope for the food bank as well, with your continued support. I am so amazed by your aid in good times and bad. Thank you so much for all you do!

Like the birds flying back to Alaska for the summer, we are flying back into our annual summer events, like our Spring Festival, and have even added new events and outreaches, like our Art Auction and partnership with the Homer Community Food Pantry. We still face challenges with the supply chain, food prices, and more, but know we can continue to serve the hungry in our community because of you. As the rain helps the flowers continue to bloom, your support is the water helping the food bank grow! Thank you for your incredible service to our community!

WHAT'S NEW?

Raffle Tickets	For sale --First drawing June 17
Soup Supper Tickets	For sale now
Silent Art Auction	June 16-17
Spring Festival	June 17
Food Bank in the Park	July 21



**GREG HANDING OFF THE VAN TO
HOMER COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY**

YOUR GIFTS TO OUR NEIGHBORS ARE INCREDIBLE!



Chef Stephen inspiring young minds at Cook Inlet Academy

Your support has contributed so much to the total of 307,849 pounds of food the food bank has distributed so far this year! By sponsoring and hosting food drives and fundraisers, you've also helped give 5,852 meals to our neighbors through the Fireweed diner, over 93,000 pounds of food to direct services, and over 150,000 food to our partner agencies. Thank you all our amazing hosts, donors, and sponsors! You have an incredible impact on the success of our fundraisers and events. By supporting events, you are also supporting our community!



KENAI POTTERS' GUILD



The Food Bank has enjoyed a unique relationship with the Kenai Potters' Guild for a quarter of a century. Each year, local potters create one-of-a-kind ceramic bowls for our Soup Supper. All members of the Kenai Potters' Guild are encouraged to make at least 20 original vessels from clay, which are donated to the Food Bank for this annual event.

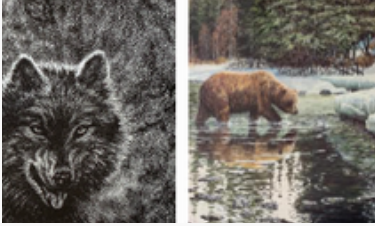
The process for making bowls takes time, practice, and patience. Each bowl starts as a 1.5 - 2 lb. lump of clay. That clay is transformed on the pottery wheel or as a slab of clay laid over a form and altered. After initially creating the bowl, it needs to dry for a few days to become leather hard, then the thrown bowl is trimmed on the outside and/or bottom. Now the bowl dries for several more days before it is ready for the first firing called a bisque firing, which heats to bowls to 1945 degrees Fahrenheit.

After the kiln cools, the bowls are removed, washed, and the bottoms are coated with melted wax. The next step involves hand-made glazes. The potter decides which glazes and how many to use for each bowl. The bowls are stored until there are enough to fill the kiln. The Potter's Guild's down-draft gas kiln can hold about 95 bowls at a time and reaches a temperature of a massive 2345 degrees Fahrenheit. This gas firing and cool down take another three days before we can open the door and see the results. So, every bowl is a labor of love, time, skill, and dedication to the cause.

Participants of the Soup Supper choose one of these works of art to take home in appreciation of their support of hungry people across the peninsula, and to remember this delightful evening. The Kenai Potter's Guild Potters are busy making hundreds of beautiful bowls for this year's Soup Supper on August 20, 5-9. Hope to see you there!

UPCOMING EVENTS

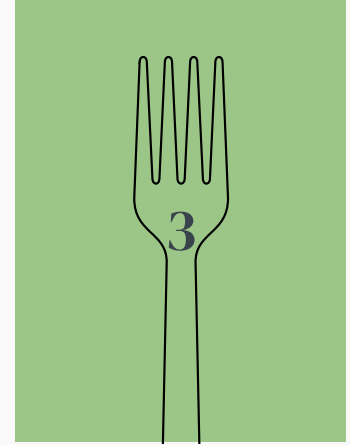
Alaskan Art Silent Auction



June 16th 5-8 pm and 17th 11 am to 3 pm. Join us for our first ever art auction!

Spring Festival

June 17th, 11 am to 3 pm. Join us for our petting zoo, free lunch, 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!

THANK YOU EVENT SPONSORS!

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

- Join Dan and Kathy Gensel and CIRI in supporting our Spring Festival and art auction on June 16-17th.
- Help Central Peninsula Hospital (CPH) and Blazy Construction in sponsoring our Food Bank at the Park on July 21st.
- Join CPH, ConocoPhillips, PCHS, Johnson Insurance Group, Kenai Law Group, Kenaitze Indian Tribe, Blazy Construction, Peninsula Allergy & Asthma Center, Marathon, Petro 49 Inc., GLM Energy Services Inc., Salamantof Native Association Inc., Credit Union One, Soldotna Elks Club, and Walters & Associates Insurance in supporting our Soup Supper this August 20th.
- Help CPH and Alyeska Tire & Auto Service in sponsoring the It's Scary to be Hungry on October 1st.

1. DIAMOND



3. GOLD



6. SUPPORTER

Dan and Kathy Gensel



2. PLATINUM



5. BRONZE



4. SILVER



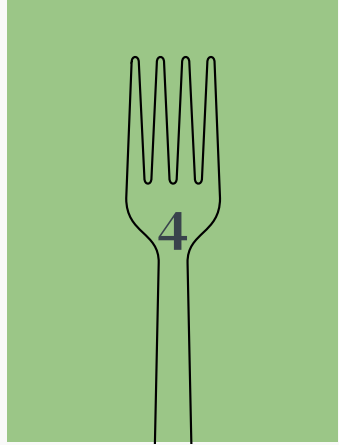
Peninsula Allergy & Asthma Center



The Missing Piece to the Insurance Puzzle.



THANK YOU TO ALL THE AMAZING VOLUNTEERS AND DONORS WHO HAVE HELPED THE FOOD BANK OVER THE PAST FEW MONTHS!



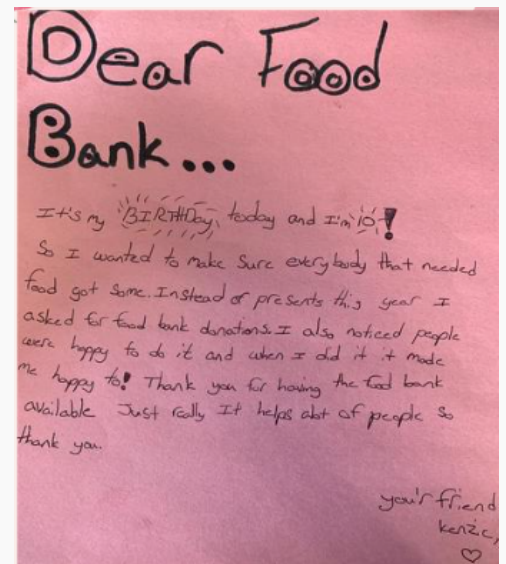
The Brown Bears and Billet Dad Ryan Swanson swept parking lots, cleaned windows, and more. Thank you and go Brown Bears!



Cook Inlet Academy volunteers put together emergency food bags. Thank you, CIA!



The NorthPointe Christian High School Dayspring Chorale sang to our neighbors and staff during lunch. Thank you, NorthPointe!



Kenzie, a 10 year old donor, donated 65 pounds of canned goods for her birthday. Thank you and happy birthday, Kenzie!



FBA donated 20 pallets of salmon for distribution and the kitchen. Thank you, FBA!

Ford Motor Company donated \$4,000 to buy much needed peanut butter. Thank you, Ford!



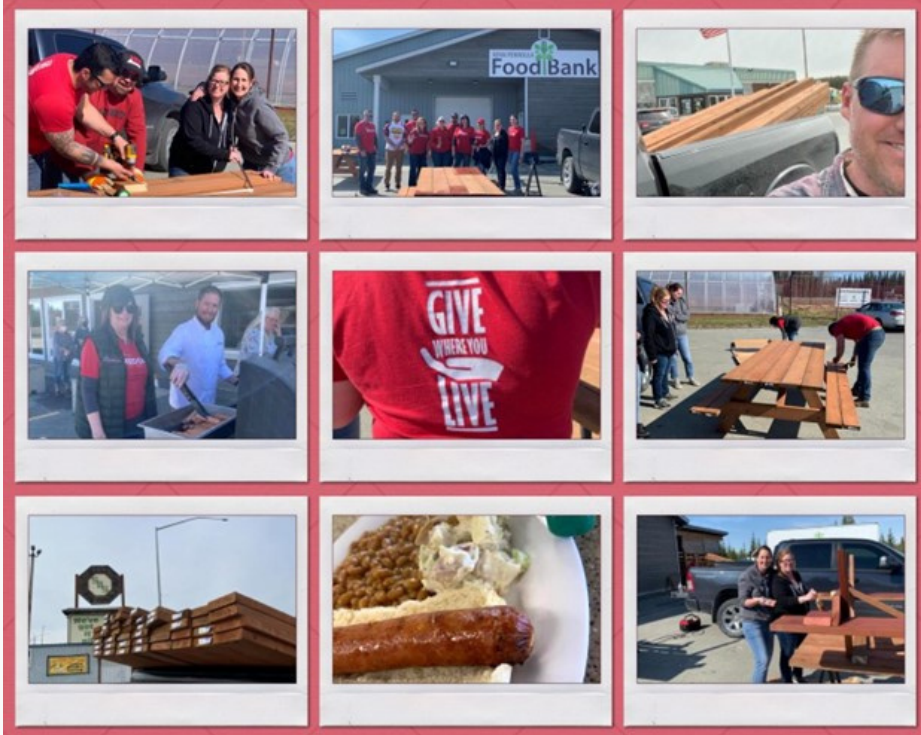
The Associates at the Soldotna Fred Meyer donated over 1,000 pounds of canned goods for their 100-year anniversary. Thank you, Fred Meyer Associates!



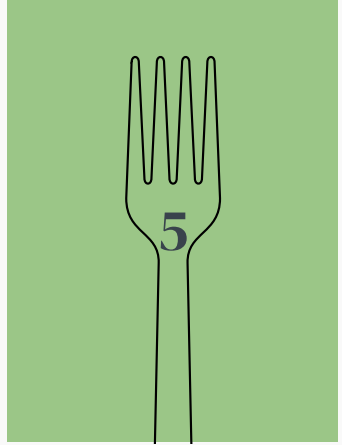
Costco of Anchorage donated an entire truck load of food. Thank you, Costco!



RED DAY



During the Red Day for the Redoubt Keller Williams Realty Group, they spent their time building 3 beautiful picnic tables for our neighbors here at the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank. Thank you! We would also like to thank SBS for their generous donation of the wood and other materials to build the tables; and Ken Scott with Alaska USA Federal Credit Union for the donation of the painting materials and breakfast for all the builders. Thank you!



Greg sorting through donations

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS



KPFB passed off the keys to one of our vans to the Homer Community Food Pantry. Thanks for being part of our partner community!

KPFB will also be partnering with PCHS, WIC, +Regroup, Pen Dog, Kenai Local Food Connection, Challenger Learning Center, 4-H Funny River Chapter, Coca Cola, Frontier Family Services, and KDLL Radio for our Spring Event. Each organization will have booths, presentations, and interactions with our neighbors for a fun, educational outreach into our community. Thank you all for partnering with KPFB!

Mother Teresa

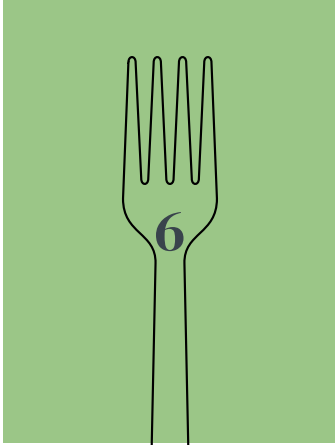
'WELCOME'

CLAIRE JONES!

Welcome to our newest staff member, Claire Jones! We are excited to have Claire on board to aid in receiving donations and more.



ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE!



Here is your chance to win an incredible prize as well as help support the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank! We have four different raffles happening right now:

- 2 round trip tickets ANYWHERE on Alaska Airlines \$100/Ticket
- Polaris Sportsman 570 Premium 4-Wheeler \$50/Ticket
- John Deere x350 Lawn Tractor (riding lawn mower) \$25/Ticket
- Honda HRX Self-propelled walk-behind Mower \$10/Ticket

If you would like to purchase a ticket or get more information please call 907-262-3111 or stop by the food bank!



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