

KENAI PENINSULA

Food Bank



FOOD FOR THOUGHT

OCTOBER 2022

FIRST SNOW MAKING OUR COMMUNITY GLOW

Summer is officially over, as we welcomed the first snow of winter this week! As the seasons change, I've reflected on the summer events we had this year and am filled with appreciation for our incredible community. During each event, donors, volunteers, the news media, and food drive hosts poured out their support for our neighbors and the food bank. We have never before seen such an outpouring of aid and positivity from so many diverse groups. Thank you all so much for all you do!

The change in weather brings with it the excitement of another holiday season coming up, the anxieties of winterizing cars and homes, and PDF joys. For the food bank, the new season means higher fuel usage, less produce, and more people in need of help. These looming challenges don't look so daunting with your continued support! Because of your incredible service to our community, we are confident we will be able to continue feeding those who are hungry in our community!

WHAT'S NEW?

Trick or Eat

Entire Month of October

It's Scary to be Hungry

October 31, 3-6 pm

End of the Year Giving

Be on the lookout for our next newsletter for more information on end of the year giving!

FOOD BANK STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS HAVING A BALL AT THE FOOD BANK IN THE PARK EVENT JULY 21ST



THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER.

YOUR GIFTS TO OUR NEIGHBORS ARE AMAZING!

The support you have given has helped us distribute food to the thousands of hungry people on the Kenai Peninsula so far this year! By sponsoring and hosting food drives, you've helped give fresh produce, non-perishable foods, pet food, birthday presents, and more to those in need. You've helped support our over 70 partner agencies across the Kenai Peninsula as well. Thank you to all our amazing hosts, sponsors, and donors! You have such a large impact on the success of our events and fundraisers. By supporting events, donating, and hosting food drives, you are supporting our community!



The Praying Pelicans working in our garden

UPCOMING EVENTS

TRICK OR TREAT FOOD DRIVE

Join us for an all October long food drive at participating businesses! Donate non-perishable foods to feed hungry families in the holiday season.

PLACES TO GIVE: MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (KENAI); FIRST NATIONAL BANK ALASKA (SOLDOTNA BRANCH); THE FITNESS PLACE (SOLDOTNA); KALADI BROTHERS COFFEE (SOLDOTNA - KOBUK); MOSSY OAK PROPERTIES; MARATHON (KENAI REFINERY); FRED MEYERS (SOLDOTNA); MATTRESS RANCH (SOLDOTNA); AND KENAI PENINSULA FOOD BANK

GIVE WHILE YOU SHOP!
GIVE WHILE YOU TRICK OR TREAT!
GIVE THROUGHOUT THE MONTH!

IT'S SCARY TO BE HUNGRY

Join us for a family friendly event and food drive at the food bank on Halloween! There will be food from the Fireweed Diner, treats from Starbucks, and even dog treats from Pen Dog.

33955 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DRIVE, SOLDOTNA

OCTOBER 31ST
3PM - 6 PM



If you missed out on giving from your PDF through Pick Click Give, you can still give by calling 907-262-3111, writing a check to KPFB, or giving online at kpfoodbank.org!

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



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

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

HILCORP GIVING FAIR

Staff and board members had a great time fundraising and networking at the Hilcorp Giving Fair. Thank you Hilcorp for inviting us!



THE ALASKA ART SILENT AUCTION AND THE SPRING FESTIVAL

Art lovers had a blast at the Art Auction, and found good homes for almost every piece of artwork!



The Spring Festival was even more fun with all the wonderful organizations and volunteers who participated!

Huge thank you to PCHS, WIC, +ReGroup, Pen Dog, Kenai Local Food Connection, Challenger Center, 4-H, KDLL, Peninsula Clarion, Frontier Family Services, Food Bank of Alaska, Odom Corp/Coca-Cola Bottling Company, ENSTAR, CIRI, the Gensels, and SNAP for participating, sponsoring, covering the event, and more!

FOOD BANK AT THE PARK



With special performances, a root beer float garden, and food vendors, the Food Bank at the Park event was a fun time. We raised over 1,000 pounds of food and fuel!

Big thank you to Central Peninsula Hospital and Blazy Construction for sponsoring, and to Power Plant Comedy, Chef Lamm and Sous Chef Smith, the Kenai Performers, Diamond Dance Project, Mark Hutton and Audra Calloway, and the Food Fighters for the incredible performances!

SOUP SUPPER

This year we had the most successful Soup Supper in food bank history, with incredible musical performances by Robyn Lanier and her students, an incredibly generous donation by the Hutchings and PCCC, sold out raffles, and wonderful attendees!



Huge thank you to Baseline Sound, Robyn Lanier and students, Central Peninsula Hospital, ConocoPhillips, PCHS, Petro Marine, Wells Fargo, Marathon, Walters & associates, GLM, Peninsula Allergy & Asthma, Johnson Insurance, Blazy, the Batemans, Eyewear Express, Kenai Law Group, Kenai'tze Indian Tribe, Salamantoff, Credit Union 1, Alyeska Tire, Stewart Title, Northrim Bank, DH Optometric Solutions, Soldotna Elks Club, Kenai Potter's Guild, Hilcorp Giving Fair, Soldotna High School Ceramics, Kenai River Rotary Club, Odom Corp/Coca-Cola Bottling Company, Everything Bagels, Fine Thyme Café, Frosos Family Dining, Paradisos, Kenai Catering, Lucy's Market, Addie Camp, Mel's Coffee, Soldotna Alaska Stake LDS Church, Schnitzel Bomber, Mykel's, all the generous auction item donors, and all our volunteers!



THANK YOU!

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

MARNI AND GREG OLCOTT AND THE CHALLENGER LEARNING CENTER REBUILD OUR GARDEN AND HOOP HOUSE



BEFORE



AFTER

NIKISKI MIDDLE SCHOOL AND TEACHER LARA LINDEMAN MADE HALLOWEEN TREAT BAGS FOR KPFB'S HALLOWEEN EVENTS



Rotary Cares for Kids made birthday bags



ALASKAUSA FEDERAL CREDIT UNION HELD CASH FOR CANS TO SUPPORT KPFB AND OTHER LOCAL FOOD BANKS/PANTRIES



SOLDOTNA PARKS AND RECREATION STAFF GREW AND DONATED KALE AND POTATOES TO KPFB



Peninsula Dog Obedience Group had a pet food drive that enabled us to continue providing food to the family pets of the Kenai Peninsula



ROTARY CLUB OF SOLDOTNA DONATED A NEW CHAINSAW, WOOD SPLITTER AND SAFETY EQUIPMENT. THEY'RE ALSO BUILDING US A WOOD SHED TO STORE DONATED WOOD TO HELP OUR NEIGHBORS WHO NEED HEAT ASSISTANCE IN THE WINTER

MILES METTEER HOSTED A FOOD DRIVE ON HIS BIRTHDAY, AND GAVE ALL THE DONATIONS TO THE FOOD BANK



SOLDOTNA ROTARY CLUB HAD A PEANUT BUTTER DRIVE AND DONATED ALL THE PROCEEDS TO KPFB AND KSFM COVERED IT

SAMARITANS FEET AND THE ALASKA CHRISTIAN COLLEGE GAVE FREE SHOE FITTINGS AND SHOES TO CHILDREN AND ADULTS AT OUR BBQ LUNCH



VOLUNTEERS OF THE MONTH

Chris and Linda Wehr have been faithful volunteers at the food bank for many years. They are the people we can call any time, even on the weekends, and they will be here to help with anything that needs to be done. Every week, they can be seen sorting produce in the warehouse or helping serve our neighbors in the Fireweed Diner. They always greet everyone with a smile, and have a genuine desire to help those in need.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY!

GREAT HARVEST

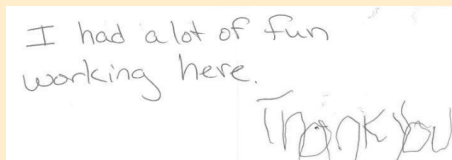
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KPBSD SUMMER WORK PROGRAM

Oceanside Farms donated 20lbs of seed potatoes this spring, which turned into 500lbs of potatoes that were harvested from our garden with the help of Linda Tannehill, Janice Chumley, Sean Jones, Kim Mason, and Cook Inlet Academy. Thank you for helping feed our neighbors!



We had the privilege of having volunteers from the KPBSD Summer Work Program for four weeks! The teens were hard workers and a joy to be around. We miss them and wish them the best in all they do! Thank you KPBSD and teens!



PRAYING PELICANS

HUGE THANK YOU TO THE PRAYING PELICANS WHO SENT MANY GROUPS FROM DIFFERENT STATES TO HELP US THROUGHOUT THE SUMMER! THEY HELPED IN THE DINER, WAREHOUSE, GARDEN, ADMINISTRATION, AND MORE. BECAUSE OF THEM, WE WERE ABLE TO GET LOTS OF PRODUCE FROM OUR GARDEN, HAVE SUCCESSFUL EVENTS, AND SERVE MORE PEOPLE.



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:
Kenai Peninsula Food Bank
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Soldotna, AK 99669

Donate Now Through the Newsletter Form



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HUNGRY!**

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