

KENAI PENINSULA



Food Bank

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

July 2023

THE RAIN CAN'T PUT OUT THE LIGHT IN THE HEARTS OF OUR COMMUNITY!

It might be chilly outside, but the warmth of our giving community is keeping us going! Your support has shown through the rain during each of the events we've been a part of this summer. From our Spring Festival to the King of the River, we've seen overwhelming aid from our communities. Thank you all so much! This summer has also held a lot of firsts for the food bank. This was the first year we participated in Disability Pride, first King of the River and Oiler events, and first irrigation system for our high tunnel. Sadly, we've also seen significantly higher numbers in all our programs, leading us to

rearrange our warehouse and Fireweed Diner to accommodate the increase. Despite the increasing need, we've also seen a 60% decrease in the government commodities we rely upon to feed the hungry across the peninsula, which will be reduced by 74% by the end of the year. It looks like we'll be continuing to serve more people with less, but we are confident that

amazing people like you will continue to ensure we are able to do what is needed. Thank you all so much for your dedication to helping those in need! We wouldn't be able to do what we do without you!



GREG SPORTING PINK FOR THE FOOD BANK

WHAT'S NEW?

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| RAFFLE TICKETS | ON SALE NOW! |
| KENAI PENINSULA FAIR | AUGUST 13TH |
| SOUP SUPPER | AUGUST 19TH, 5 PM |

NEW FAX NUMBER: (907)416-7623

YOUR GIFTS TO OUR NEIGHBORS ARE AMAZING!

Dear Friends and Neighbors of the Food Bank, Thank you for the amazing support you provided to the Food Bank during the King of the River Contest! Since the beginning of the pandemic to our current struggles with the SNAP backlog, our neighbors continue to face extreme food insecurity. You never cease to amaze us with your ongoing support that ensures our neighbors are fed. The City of Soldotna was the 2023 King of the River – Congratulations! Let’s also keep in mind that the true winners are our neighbors who have nutritious food available to them because of your generosity. It is my honor to serve such an amazing community and I am blessed beyond words with coworkers who never stop fighting to keep our shelves filled with food and hot meals available in the Fireweed Diner. From the Food Bank Staff, Board of Directors and Volunteers, we say THANK YOU to our amazing community and partners in our mission – “We Feed People, Because Nobody Deserves To Be Hungry.”

~ Greg Meyer, Director

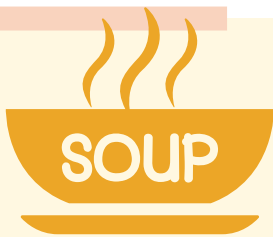


Spring FESTIVAL

This year's Spring Festival was the biggest and best we've ever had! Thank you to all our partners who made it possible!



Upcoming Events



SUPPER

Join us for our 28th annual Soup Supper Dinner and Auction Fundraiser to help raise funds for feeding our neighbors in need!

August 19
Doors open at 5 pm

Soldotna Regional
Sports Complex

\$50
per
ticket

Each ticket comes with a hand crafted bowl, delicious soup dinner, and access to our live and silent auctions. Tickets are available at the food bank and any of our events.



Join us at the fair in Ninilchik this year! On the 13th, fair entry will be free with a donation of food to the food bank.

August 13th
All day

Ninilchik Fair
Grounds



thank you

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NEW

THE HIGH TUNNEL IS HERE!

The high tunnel is up and operational! There are already beautiful plants growing, and we are looking forward to a great harvest.

Huge thank yous to:

- Kenai Feed & Supply for constructing the tunnel and donating upgrades!
- Dibble Creek Rock for donating the gravel!
- NRCS for providing funding, designing, and constructing the new irrigation system!
- Kenai Rotary Club for providing funding!
- Janice Chumley, Linda Tannehill, and all our volunteers for the hard work!





ANNUAL RAFFLE TICKETS FOR SALE!

Here is your chance to win an incredible prize as well as help support KPFB! We have four different raffles happening right now:

- 2 round trip tickets ANYWHERE Alaska Airlines flies \$100/Ticket
- Polaris Sportsman 570 4-Wheeler \$50/Ticket
- John Deere x350 Lawn Tractor (riding lawn mower) \$25/Ticket
- Yamaha Raptor 90 Kids 4-Wheeler \$20/ticket

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



Thank you!

TED AT C.A.R. SERVICES CAME TO THE RESCUE OF THE FOOD BANK!



MULTIPLE PRAYING PELICANS MISSION GROUPS HAVE VOLUNTEERED HERE AT THE FOOD BANK, HELPING US WITH VITAL PROJECTS, SUCH AS PLANTING AND PREPARING THE GARDEN, SORTING AND LABELING FOR OUR GARAGE SALE, CLEANING, SERVING IN OUR FIREWEED DINER, AND STACKING WOOD FOR OUR EMERGENCY FIREWOOD PROJECT!



THE KENAI AND SOLDOTNA EDWARD JONES OFFICES HELD A FOOD DRIVE COMPETITION AND DONATED 225 LBS OF FOOD!



Please consider giving to the organization(s) that you feel compelled to support. Pick Click Give approved organizations all strive to make our communities better places for everyone to live. All donations are tax deductible and donors will receive tax documentation from the State once the donation has been processed. Permanent Fund Dividend applications are available until March 31, though Alaskans can choose to add or adjust their pledges online until August 31. File for your PDF or add a pledge at pfd.alaska.gov



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