



# KENAI PENINSULA FOOD BANK

Serving hungry residents for 25 years!

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- ◆ Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive—May 11th
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- ◆ Tri the Kenai Triathlon June 8th & 9th Food Drive
- ◆ Kenai Peninsula State Fair Food Drive
- ◆ Pick.Click.Give change deadline
  - ◆ Annual Soup Supper & Auction—September 7th



## Hunger on the Kenai Peninsula

Twenty five years ago three individuals formed a corporation called the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank. Galen McCord, Linda Parker and Norman Yergen founded this organization which now distributes a million pounds of food a year throughout the Kenai Peninsula Borough. The purpose then and continues to obtain food for a food bank and to distrib-

ute food and other necessities to the needy people of the Kenai Peninsula.

Linda Parker gathered discarded fruits and vegetables from local grocers and distributed those items out of the trunk of her car to her neighbors after watching some "dumpster drive" for food.

For several years, volunteers distributed food

from a warehouse behind the Red Diamond Center. Today staff or volunteers dispense food at the K-Beach Rd and Community College Rd facility five days a week to more than 600 families a month.

Dayne Clark joined the Board of Directors in 1994 and continues today as Treasurer. James E Fisher, a long time Board member began his Board tenure in 1996.



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the Feinstein Challenge.

For the 16th consecutive year, Alan Shawn Feinstein will divide \$1 million among non profit hunger fighting agencies nationwide. In

2012, the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank received \$717. Funds. All donations, food or monetary and pledges can be leveraged towards the 2013 Feinstein Challenge award.

## Wish List

Commercially canned meats  
 Cereal  
 Beans-dry  
 Rice  
 Canned fruit  
 Canned and dry goods  
 Butter  
 Coffee  
 Toilet Paper  
 Paper Towels  
 Garbage bags (39 & 45-50 gallon)  
 Copy Paper



*In the winter badlands you either collected for the 'coals' or the 'carrots'*

## Share your email

Win a ticket to Annual Soup  
 Supper & Auction

September 7th

at Kenai Central High School

Email [foodhelp@ptialaska.net](mailto:foodhelp@ptialaska.net)

Drawing August 1st



## History of Food Banks by Michele Tangaro

In the United States and Australia, food banks usually operate on the "warehouse" model. They act as food storage and distribution depots for smaller front line agencies; and usually do not themselves give out food directly to the hungry. After the food is collected, sorted, and reviewed for quality, these food banks distribute it to non-profit community or government agencies, including food pantries,[1] food closets,[2] soup kitchens, homeless shelters, orphanages, and schools.

Outside of the North America and Australia, the "front line" model is often found. Such food banks give out most or all of their food directly to the end users. For both models, the largest sources of food include for-profit growers, manufacturers, distributors and retailers who in the normal course of business have excess food that they cannot sell. Some foodbanks receive a substantial proportion of their food from individual donors, including their volunteer workers. There is considerable overlap with food salvage, food rescue and gleaning, although not with freeganism or dumpster-diving.

The world's first food bank was established in the US in 1967, and since then many thousands have been set up all over the world. In Europe, which until recently had little need for food banks due to extensive welfare systems, their numbers grew rapidly after the lasting global inflation in the price of food which began in late 2006, and especially after the

2007-2012 global financial crisis began to further worsen economic conditions for those on low income.

The growth of food banks has been broadly welcomed, most especially by those on the right of the political spectrum, but also by many on the left, who see them as evidence of active community that is independent of the state. However, academics and commentators have expressed concern that the rise of foodbanks may erode political support for welfare provision. Researchers have reported that food banks can be inefficient compared with state run services, and that some people feel ashamed at having to turn to them.

The world's first food bank was the St. Mary's Food Bank Alliance in Arizona, founded by John van Hengel in 1967.[3] According to sociology professor Janet Poppendieck, hunger within the US was widely considered to be a solved problem until the mid-1960s.[10] By the mid sixties, several states had ended the free distribution of federal food surpluses, instead providing an early form of food stamps which had the benefit of allowing recipients to choose food of their liking, rather than having to accept whatever happened to be in surplus at the time. However, there was a minimum charge and some people could not afford the stamps, leading to severe hunger.[10] One response from American society to the rediscovery of hunger was to step up the support provided by soup kitchens and similar

civil society food relief agencies - some of these dated back to the Great Depression and earlier. In 1965, while volunteering for a community dining room, van Hengel learned that grocery stores often had to throw away food that had damaged packaging or was near expiration. He started collecting that food for the dining room but soon had too much for that one program. He thought of creating a central location from which any agency can receive donations. Described as a classic case of "if you build it they will come", [11] the first food bank was created with the help of St. Mary's Basilica.[12] Food banks spread across the United States, and to Canada. By 1976, the precursor to Feeding America had been established. As of the early 21st century, their network of 200+ foodbanks provides support for 90,000 projects. Other large networks exist such as Ample Harvest, which lists some 33,000 food pantries that can utilize overproduction of fresh produce. [10][13]

It was not however until the 1980s that U.S. food banks began to enjoy rapid growth. A second response to the "rediscovery" of hunger in the mid sixties had been extensive lobbying of politicians to improve welfare. Until the 1980s, this approach had greater impact. [10] In the 1970s, U.S. federal expenditure on hunger relief grew by about 500%, with food stamps distributed free of charge to those in greatest need. According to Poppendieck, welfare was



**Recognize these volunteers?**

In 2001 each month an average of 329 families received USDA Commodities compared to 607 families in 2012.



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widely considered preferable to grass roots efforts, as the latter could be unreliable, did not give recipients consumer-style choice in the same way as did food stamps, and risked recipients feeling humiliated by having to turn to charity. In the early 1980s, president Reagan's administration scaled back welfare provision, leading to a rapid rise in activity from grass roots hunger relief agencies. According to a comprehensive government survey completed in 2002, over 90% of food banks were established in the US after 1981. [10]

[14] Poppendieck says that for the first few years after the change, there was vigorous opposition from left, who argued that state welfare was much more suitable for meeting recipients needs. But in the decades that followed, food banks have become an accepted part of America's response to hunger.[10][15] Demand for the services of US food bank increased further in the late 1990s, after the "end of welfare as we know it" with President Clinton's Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Act.[16] In

**Volunteers Needed**

**Fundraising**

- Planning events
- Asking for donations
- Picking up donations
- Office help folding letters
- Decorating
- Building auction items like picnic tables
- Taking pictures
- Writing press releases or articles
- Distributing posters
- Scanning old pictures

For more information, please call Linda Swarner, Executive Director or Phil Smith, Special Events Coordinator at 262-3111 or email [food-help@ptialaska.net](mailto:food-help@ptialaska.net).

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Kenai Peninsula Food Bank

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TO NOURISH OUR NEIGHBORS

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