

**Snow falls, but our community stands strong!**

As we prepare to say goodbye to 2024, we look back and see how far we've come as individuals, a food bank, supporters of food security, and a community. For our neighbors, this year has been the most difficult since 2008, with food insecurity reaching the highest it's been since that year. Decreased government commodities, increased food costs, and more have made this an especially hard year for the food bank too. We all know this year has proved exceptionally challenging for hiring as well, but we are grateful that Greg continues to serve as our Acting ED leading and managing all functions of the organization while we continue our search for a strong candidate in 2025.



The board is currently serving a more active role in supporting Greg, and we appreciate the community's continued commitment at a time when more families than ever face food insecurity each and every day. With the needs and hardships persisting, we have a ways to go to make sure that no one goes hungry. We hope you consider lending us your continued aid during this holiday season by filling out the remittance envelope or scanning the QR code. Thank you for your continued partnership, and for all you've done!

**Scan the QR Code to give before the year ends!**



**What's New?**

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| End of Year Giving | Now till end of year!      |
| Christmas Meal     | Dec. 24<br>11:30 am - 1 pm |
| Adopt a Turkey     | Now till end of year!      |





# Christmas MEAL

Join us for our annual Christmas meal in our Fireweed Diner! It is free and open to everyone--you do not need to qualify for services to join in the festivities. It'll be a time of fun, food, and fellowship!

**DECEMBER 24**  
**11:30 AM - 1 PM**

**FIREWEED DINER**  
**33955 COMMUNITY COLLEGE DRIVE, SOLDOTNA, AK**



# UPCOMING EVENTS

Want to collect food for the holidays for a food drive? Consider collecting these needed items:

## Holiday Food Drive List

- CANNED YAMS
- CANNED SOUPS
- CANNED PUMPKIN
- CRANBERRY SAUCE
- PEANUT BUTTER
- INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- CEREAL
- CANNED TUNA
- GRAVY PACKETS
- CANNED GREEN BEANS
- BOXED STUFFING

Help families and nonprofit agencies across the Kenai Peninsula by adopting a turkey for \$25 today!

## Adopt A Turkey

KPFB partners with nonprofit agencies to provide turkeys to those in need. This year, with costs continuing to rise, we need your help more now than ever!



Marathon once again donated funds for 400 turkeys. Chugach Electric and MARC Air partnered with us too and provided turkeys to Tyonek and Hope.



Going on now, until the end of the year

Help us reach our goal of 1,200 turkeys!



ADOPT TODAY BY SCANNING THE QR CODE!



## Volunteers of the Year



PRAYING PELICAN MISSIONS

Praying Pelican Missions' teams have been volunteering with the food bank, helping us complete special projects. This year, they worked tirelessly to complete our new hoop house project--moving earth, planting, and more! Their dedication to helping our neighbors is heartwarming, and we are so grateful for their help. Thank you, Pelicans!





## ASPEN HOTELS OF ALASKA

THE ASPEN HOTELS OF THE PENINSULA HELD A HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE DURING NOVEMBER AND RAISED AN AMAZING AMOUNT OF FOOD FOR OUR NEIGHBORS



THE CENTRAL PENINSULA HOSPITAL DONATED AN AMAZING 116 HAMS AND 113 TURKEYS FOR OUR NEIGHBORS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

PETRO MARINE SERVICES AND THE ESSENTIAL ONE GAS STATION IN NIKISKI GENEROUSLY DONATED 10 CENTS PER GALLON FOR ALL FUEL PURCHASED DURING NOVEMBER, AND THE LINDSEY FAMILY AND MATCHED THE GIFT

A GROUP OF MARATHON PETROLEUM EMPLOYEES VOLUNTEERED AT KPFB IN OUR WAREHOUSE COUNTING TURKEYS, CLEANING, AND MORE



# thank you for making a huge difference

Thank you to all our amazing volunteers, staff, board members, donors, and sponsors!



THE ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH YOUTH VOLUNTEER GROUP HELPING US IN OUR WAREHOUSE



WALMART NOT ONLY DONATES FOOD TO KPFB EVERY DAY, BUT THEY ALSO SEND SPECIAL DONATIONS. IN FACT, WALMART WAS ONE OF OUR BIGGEST DONORS FOR OUR SOUP SUPPER AUCTION THIS YEAR. DURING THEIR REMODEL THEY ALSO DONATED FREEZERS AND REFRIGERATORS FOR OUR WAREHOUSE REMODEL. THEIR DONATIONS HAVE GONE A LONG WAY TOWARD ENSURING NO ONE GOES HUNGRY!



THE SO-HI NATIONAL HONORS SOCIETY VOLUNTEER GROUP HELPED KPFB BY DEEP CLEANING OUR FIREWEED DINER AND WORKING IN OUR WAREHOUSE



THE KENAI PENINSULA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS DONATED 1,468 LBS FROM THEIR ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE



THANK YOU TO THE RASMUSON FOUNDATION AND CPHI NOT ONLY DID THEY PROVIDE US WITH FUNDS TO PURCHASE AND INSTALL A MUCH NEEDED NEW SEPTIC SYSTEM, THEY ALSO COVERED SOME OF THE COSTS OF THE PORTAPOTTIES WE'VE USED.

# Thanksgiving Meal

Thank you, volunteers!

AN AMAZING GROUP OF NEW AND REGULAR VOLUNTEERS HELPED US FEED OUR NEIGHBORS DURING OUR THANKSGIVING MEAL! IT WAS ONE OF THE BEST THANKSGIVINGS WE'VE HAD AT THE FOOD BANK, AND IT WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS.



EACH YEAR, THE CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST OF LATTER-DAY SAINTS SUPPORTS THE FOOD BANK THROUGH DONATIONS, VOLUNTEERING, MISSIONS, AND MORE! WHEN THEY HEARD ABOUT THE ALASKA FOOD CRISIS, THE CHURCH GENEROUSLY DONATED AN ENTIRE CONEX OF NONPERISHABLE FOOD TO THE FOOD BANK. WE WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO OPERATE WITHOUT THEIR HELP!



EVERY MONTH, MARC AND KPFB WORK TOGETHER TO SUPPLY SENIOR BOXES AND OTHER COMMODITIES TO THE VILLAGE OF TYONEK. THE KIND PEOPLE AT MARC DONATE THEIR TIME, PLANES, AND PILOTS TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY. WE COULDN'T SUPPLY OUR NEIGHBORS ACROSS THE WATER WITHOUT THEM!





# Any donation Make An Impact can

## Online:

kpfoodbank.org/donate-now

## Over the Phone:

907-416-7619

## Mail or In-Person:

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## Gifts of Assets:

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## Gifts of Mutual Funds or Special Securities:

You can gift tendered stock or restricted stock by calling 907-416-7619.

## 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



## Mandatory Disbursement Gifts:

- Starting when you turn 72, you can donate to KPFB from your IRA to satisfy all or part of your required minimum distribution (RMD).
- You pay no income taxes on the gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize.
- Since the gift doesn't count as income, it can reduce your annual income level. This may help lower your Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.
- Contact your retirement provider to learn more!

## Donor Directed Gifts:

Keep your donation in a tax free account, and direct the gift to KPFB. You will not have to pay income taxes on the gift.



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