

FOOD FOR THOUG

June 2025

Dear Friends and Supporters,

We hope this message finds you well and enjoying the long days and renewed energy that summer brings to our Kenai Peninsula community. A lot has been happening behind the scenes at KPFB, and we know the silence may have raised questions. While this period has been one of transition and reflection, it has also been one of recommitment-to our mission, to our neighbors facing hunger, and to you, our community.

We are excited to share important updates and ask for your continued support as we face growing challenges together.

First and foremost, we are pleased to introduce Johna Beech, our new Interim Executive Director. Johna has over 10 years of experience as the President/COO of the Kenai Chamber of Commerce and we are confident that under her leadership, KPFB will move forward with renewed purpose and transparency. Our former Executive Director, Greg Meyer, left a significant legacy and he continues to provide support during this transition.

Speaking of community—we'd love to see you! Please join us for our Spring Festival on Friday, June 20th at the Food Bank. It'll be a fun day for all ages with food, music, door prizes, games and a chance to meet Johna and the team.

We also want to be honest with you: the need is growing. More of our neighbors are turning to us for help, and we're doing everything we can to meet that demand. But we can't do it alone. Whether it's a one-time donation, monthly giving, or a few hours of your time, your support keeps food on tables and hope in our community.

And looking ahead—we're already planning for our annual Soup Supper on August 23rd, and we could really use your help to make it a success. If you're interested in sponsoring, donating auction items, or volunteering, please reach out. It's one of our favorite events of the year, and with your support, we can make it the best one yet. More details can be found on page 4 or on our website.

With the efforts of our dedicated staff, volunteers, and the support of our Board of Directors, we will continue to serve the community of the Kenai Peninsula.

With gratitude, Sean O'Reilly, Board President Kenai Peninsula Food Bank





What's New?

WEDNESDAY MARKET FAMILY DAY • JUNE 18TH

SPRING FESTIVAL

JUNE 20TH

SOUP SUPPER

AUGUST 23RD



Food Bank Food Danne Spring Festival BBQ to celebrate the

new season while connecting our community to local organizations who can provide important resources.

Friday June 20th, 2025 11:00am - 3:00pm

KPFB will provide a delicious lunch, free entry for a chance to win several summer-themed door prizes, interactive booths, games and more!

> 33955 Community College Drive Soldotna, AK 99669

Everyone is welcome!

This is a free, family friendly outdoor event held at the Kenai Peninsula Food Bank

> For more information Call: 907-416-7619 Email: info@kpfoodbank.org Visit: www.kpfoodbank.org

FESTIVAL VENDORS

LeeShore Center **PCHS** Cook Inlet Aquaculture Association SNAP (Food Bank of Alaska) Alaska Legal Services WIC (Women, Infants, Children Program) PenDOG (Peninsula Dog

4-H Kenai Lions Club Alaska Breast & Cervical Screening Assistance Program Boys & Girls Club of the Kenai Peninsula

Obedience Group)

Alaska Housing Finance Corp Kenai Peninsula Family Caregiver Support Program Breathe Free Gulf Coast Coalition 907 Navigation / 100% Communities

> Katchemak Family Planning Clinic



RESOURCE FAIR

GIVEAWAYS & DOOR PRIZES

MUSIC AND OUTDOOR GAME

community

connection, and

FUN!

We serve the entire Kenai Peninsula **Over 40 Communities** 25,000 sq. mi.



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LDS BIRTHDAY BAG DONATION



FROM GRANT TO GROCERIES: TURNING FUNDS INTO FULL PLATES



The Food Pantry Relief Fund (FPRF) 2025, funded by the Alaska Department of Health and managed by Food Bank of Alaska (FBA), is a statewide initiative aimed at strengthening food security across Alaska. This grant provided **\$1.5 million** to FBA for the direct purchase and distribution of nutritious, shelf-stable food to hunger relief partners, including those serving rural and remote communities.

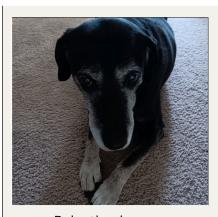
As part of this effort, three full trailers of food—totaling over 120 pallets—have been coordinated for delivery to Kenai Peninsula Food Bank, one of our key partners on the Kenai Peninsula. These shipments represent more than 100,000 meals and will support food pantries and community programs throughout the region. Kenai Peninsula Food Bank is playing a central role in receiving, storing, and redistributing this food to local partners, helping ensure that these critical resources reach households experiencing hunger across the peninsula.



stop by the KPFB Office

We serve emergency pet food!

DONATIONS ACCEPTED M-F 9AM-4PM



Ruby the dog says "Dogs love the food bank too!"



CALL for VOLUNTEERS

We are currently in need of gardeners, dishwashers, food prep, warehouse help, and support in our diner!















FEEDING MORE, REACHING FURTHER

The **State of Alaska awarded \$6 million** to Food Bank of Alaska (FBA) to strengthen the statewide anti-hunger network through infrastructure and capacity-building projects. The funding aimed to improve the long-term sustainability of charitable food distribution efforts across Alaska.

Through this initiative, Kenai Peninsula Food Bank received infrastructure funding to expand its ability to store, transport, and distribute food more efficiently throughout the region. This investment helped enhance their role as a critical hub for food assistance on the Kenai Peninsula.

Funding was distributed through a competitive grant process managed by FBA. Eligible organizations demonstrated existing participation in, or a strong commitment to, charitable food distribution. Projects included facility improvements, equipment purchases, and other strategic upgrades designed to increase the capacity and resilience of hunger relief partners statewide.



Donations Needed

We are seeking sponsorships & in-kind donations of auction items. Visit our website or scan the QR code for more info!

Scan the QR Code to provide meals and hope to our neighbors across the peninsula >



Food Bank

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Have you considered?

Email communication helps to reduce postage costs, and can be fiscally and environmentally responsible. We try to communicate with donors through email as much as possible. If you aren't receiving emails from us, but would like to, please contact info@kpfoodbank.org

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