

## ABOUT THE GIRDWOOD FOOD PANTRY

The Girdwood Food Pantry had been in existence for a couple of years providing food on an emergency basis for those in need of assistance. All food collected locally stays in Girdwood. Over the years, food and cash donations have come from the resort (can ski days), local non-profit organizations, local merchants, individuals, girl scouts, and boy scouts.

Girdwood Chapel operates the Girdwood Food Pantry and is located at 102 Heavenly Valley Drive, or more simply put, the first right on Timberline Drive. The new building became complete enough to house the Food Pantry and provide regularly scheduled shopping days for clients. The Food Pantry is a much needed mission in Girdwood. We are a partner agency with Food Bank of Alaska, which gives us greater buying power, and access to breads, meats, dairy, and fresh fruit/vegetables, at little or no cost. Our cost is presently 16 cents per pound for staples and some fresh products. Thus, we can provide fresh and perishable items, with more nutrition content to our clients, as well as an increased variety.

**DONATIONS:** We are always in need of the basic staples such as soups, ramens, tuna and other can meats, beans, mac n cheese, box side dishes, cereal, small jars of peanut butter & jelly, coffee, tea, can milk, can fruit, can veggies, can meals (ravioli, stew, etc.), rice, beans, etc. We can accept expired items up to 2 years past their shelf date. The Food Pantry team is food safety trained. Whatever is donated will be examined before distribution. If you are unsure of any item, just include it and we'll weed it out if we have to. We can also accept unopened/unused toothpaste, razors, feminine hygiene products, shaving cream, shampoos, conditioners, soaps, diapers, wipes, cleaning supplies, paper products. We cannot accept mouthwash or any vitamins. **Donations may be brought to Glacier City Realty, Inc. at 174 Hightower Road.**

**CASH DONATIONS:** If you would like to donate cash for Food Bank and fresh purchases, please make check payable to Girdwood Chapel (Food Pantry), PO Box 1068, Girdwood, AK 99587.

**NEED FOOD?** Clients will need to complete a simple registration form. Shopping will be your choice with limits. Defined as you get to pick your items, but quantity will be limited to family size. Each client will receive a list of the choices and limits of each prior to shopping.

**The Girdwood Food Pantry will be open every other Monday, beginning February 6, from 2pm to 4pm. If you have concerns or questions, you may call the church office at 783-0127.**

**GIRDWOOD FOOD PANTRY IS ALSO ON FACEBOOK. CHECK FOR MORE INFORMATION ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE. SUGGESTIONS WELCOME.**