

Palmer Food Bank

Serving the Mat-Su since 1991



Together we can end hunger



Who We Are & How We Got Here

- ▶ Palmer Emergency Food & Community Services, Inc.
 - ▶ Not a food bank, a food pantry
 - ▶ Started by 3 churches in 1991, in the basement of St. Michael's Catholic Church
 - ▶ In our 35-year history there have been 3 acting Executive Directors
 - ▶ Until Sept 2025, all volunteer run organization
- ▶ Who We Serve
 - ▶ Pantry serves all Mat-Su Borough residents
 - ▶ TEFAP to all Alaskans

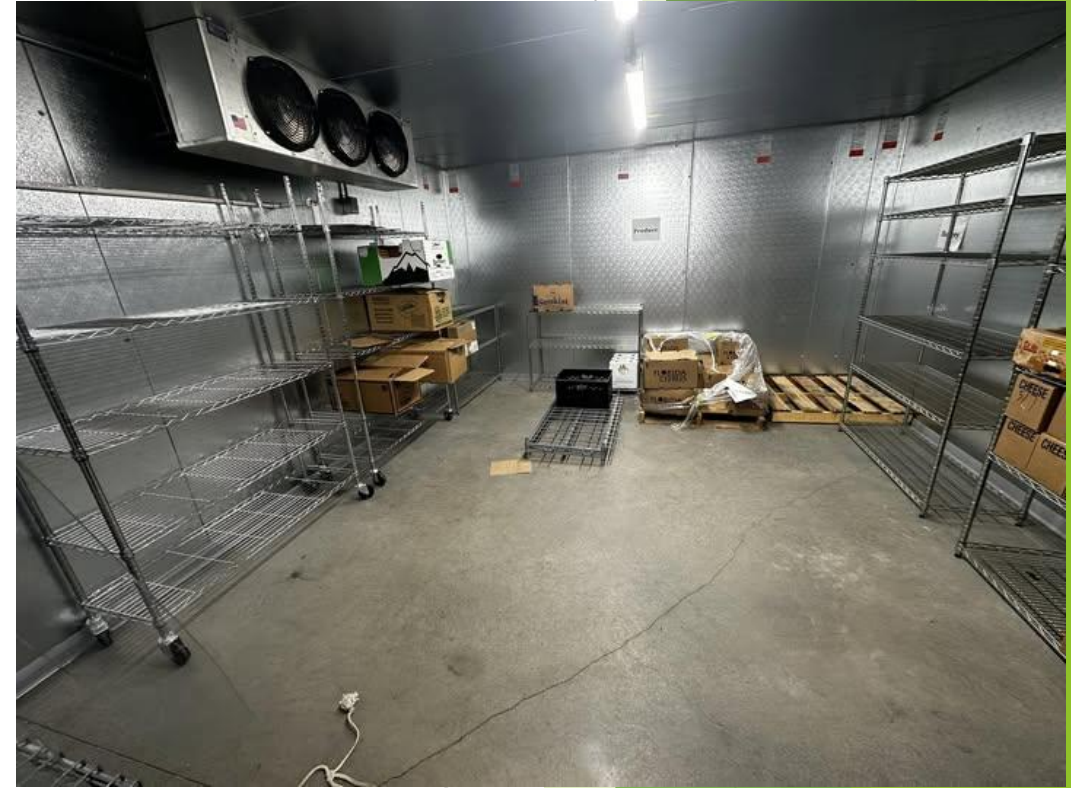
Our mission is to ensure no one in the Mat-Su goes hungry by providing food assistance to individuals and families with dignity, compassion, and respect.

Together we can end hunger



What We're Seeing in Palmer

- ▶ 64% increase in clients from July of 2025 to July 2026
- ▶ 97% increase in clients from Aug 2025 to Aug 2026
- ▶ Regularly running out of food
- ▶ Increase in clients from all walks of life
 - ▶ More unhoused clients
 - ▶ Families with children
 - ▶ Seniors
 - ▶ Working households
 - ▶ People experiencing unexpected hardship
 - ▶ People navigating other assistance programs
 - ▶ People who have never needed help before



Together we can end hunger



Changing How We Serve

- ▶ Client choice
 - ▶ Shopping assistant
- ▶ Free Cookbook & Children's Library
- ▶ Creating a positive experience for families with children
- ▶ Change in hours
- ▶ Removing barriers

Together we can end hunger



New Location



- ▶ February 2026 moved to larger new facility
 - ▶ From 1800 Sq Ft to 5300 Sq Ft
- ▶ Hired Warehouse Manager
- ▶ Improving inventory and food handling



Building Community Partnerships & Providing Resources



Community Outreach



**PALMER
FOOD BANK**
*Together
we can end hunger*

Serving Palmer & ALL the Mat-Su
Your support is needed

Volunteer or
Donate today!



Palmer Food Bank

Distribution Hours:
Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs
1:00pm-5:00pm

101 S. Denali Street, Palmer
907-746-3565
www.palmerfoodbank.org



**PALMER
FOOD BANK**
*Together we
can end hunger*

Serving Palmer & ALL the Mat-Su

Hours:

Mon, Tues, Wed, Thurs,
1:00pm-5:00pm

- Monthly Visits
- The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP)
- Senior Boxes (CSFP)
- Community Resources

101 S. Denali St., Palmer
907-746-3565

www.palmerfoodbank.org

Everyone is welcome here!



We can't do this alone!



Together we can end hunger

What's Next - Senior Delivery Program



- ▶ Monthly food boxes - CSFP and pantry
- ▶ Home delivery
- ▶ Reaching homebound seniors
- ▶ Connecting seniors with additional resources
- ▶ Comfort items
- ▶ Building relationships rather than simply dropping off a box
- ▶ 50K grant from Mat-Su Health Foundation

Together we can end hunger

Thank you!



Jennifer Brandt

Executive Director

jennifer@palmerfoodbank.org

Cell: 907-707-7173

Main: 907-746-3565

101 S. Denali Street

Palmer, AK 99645

www.palmerfoodbank.org

Together we can end hunger