

# Your Help will Nourish Alaska's Future

Dear Friends,

Wow, what a year! Not only has the need been unprecedented with 1 in 6 Alaskans, including 1 in 4 children, unable to depend on three meals a day, but your outpouring of generosity in response has been extraordinary. Your gifts brought relief from constant worry about food to fellow Alaskans whose lives have been upended by the pandemic. **We cannot thank you enough!**

A year ago, COVID-19 required Food Bank of Alaska to scale up operations quickly to fulfill our critical role in Alaska's emergency response infrastructure. But the warehouse we have occupied for the last 25 years simply could not stretch enough for the job. Thankfully, Walmart donated use of its Sam's Club at Anchorage's Tikahtnu Commons for temporary emergency response.

Even before the pandemic we knew that our old warehouse was too small to take advantage of all the support available to meet **our top strategic goal to distribute more food to more communities throughout Alaska**. We have worked behind the scenes the past two years to find and purchase a bigger facility, so we can accept more food and distribute it statewide while also handling emergencies when they arise. We're excited to report that we purchased an 85,000-square-foot warehouse in Anchorage at the end of October 2020 and sold our current building at the end of December.

We're working now to remodel and equip the larger facility. We'll have triple the freezer/cooler capacity, a rural shipping area, and dedicated volunteer workspace when we move into our new home this summer. The generosity of individuals, corporations, and foundations who have already donated to our capital campaign has brought us almost to our goal.

**Now, it is time to boost our Nourish Alaska's Future capital campaign over the top. Will you help us raise \$500,000 by April 30?** If you are able, please consider making a special gift.

**Please also share your belief that no one should go hungry with your network of friends, family, and co-workers.** Ask them to give and to get involved in finishing this project too. Visit [FoodBankofAlaska.org](http://FoodBankofAlaska.org) for information and inspiration to share.

**Alaskans take care of each other.** Your generous support means dinner instead of an empty plate for children, families, and seniors – now and for the next generation.

With deep gratitude,

Jim Baldwin, CEO  
Amy DeBruhl, Board President