



## RESTAURANT AND HUNGER RELIEF PROGRAM

Keeping restaurants open, protecting local jobs, and feeding hungry Alaskans

## **REAL IMPACT ON PEOPLE**

"The meals are the bomb! The residents love them. Many would not make breakfast for themselves and these meals do more than nourish. The residents say that the smells remind them of their childhoods and makes them feel safe and cared for. I think that this program does feed the soul and feed the spirit."

Rose Ebue Chugach View, Low-income Senior Housing

"I can't express how grateful we are for the program. It's easily employing 20 to 25 employees with additional hours. In return we're feeding some potentially vulnerable kids and adults as well. It makes our staff feel good when we deliver the product."

Chris Wilson Subway

It's just been a blessing for us and the staff. The staff could not believe the quality of the food. Portions are very large ... It's like being in a restaurant. Our kids have said that they love it. Because of the pandemic, the kids haven't been able to go offgrounds. Away from loved ones and living with us it's really neat to see them have something special. They know who they're cooking for. This project is trying to help us take care of our kids in such a thoughtful and kind way."

Angie Rush AK Child and Family

"My life has been improving ever since that first meal was waiting for me at my door a few weeks ago. The food prepared is so beautiful. It looks as if someone carefully put it together like it was being entered into a contest. Since I have been receiving these meals, my food bill has dropped dramatically and I feel that I always have something to eat later on in the day. This is a game changer and I feel the least I could do is tell someone what a blessing this has become.

We laid off the same people three times because of this pandemic... (Now), can you help package, can you be a delivery driver? Everybody is committing to it and it gives them hope there is a way to work through this. It's made an unbelievable difference in our business."

David McCarthy 49th State Brewing Company

"Food was really becoming an issue. When this started happening, it really relieved a lot of stress. It's been amazing, and the food is amazing. Now they're getting wraps with egg and ham. Now they're getting something warm and awesome. They've been treating us well. They love us."

Lisa Mahan Boys & Girls Clubs

"It feels so good to be busy at work! There are so many happy staff here at Peppercini's and ALL of us are very appreciative to be part of this program. It has made us very proud to be able to provide meals to the seniors living at Chugach Manor, and each time we receive a phone call or email, it truly warms out hearts. We feel so good knowing that we are helping people get through this tough winter, and are very appreciative of the Muni, United Way, and AKHR for setting up this program that we see as a "Win Win."

Jason Kimmel Peppercini's

"It's been a shot in the arm. I've been able to give my employees more hours...it makes me confident I'll get through this darn pandemic. I feel like I'm participating in the community. It gives you those warm fuzzies."