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**The Alaska Food Coalition announces awards to organizations that help feed hungry Alaskans**

ANCHORAGE - The Alaska Food Coalition is awarding 12 grants to organizations working throughout the state to end hunger in Alaska. These grants help food and nutrition programs build their capacity to distribute food by granting funds for equipment purchases such as small freezers and refrigerators, for repairing basic kitchen equipment like stoves and other appliances or for staff training on subjects like safe food handling. These annual awards are made in amounts up to \$1,000.

FY2011 Mini-Grant recipients:

- Alaska Youth And Parent Foundation/POWER, Anchorage, AK  
\$439 - Freezer
- Abused Women's Aid in Crisis, Inc. (AWAIC), Anchorage, AK  
\$1,000 – Kitchen supplies for serving meals
- Boys & Girls Clubs of Southcentral Alaska, Goose Bay Club, Wasilla, AK  
\$1,000 – Refrigerator and microwave
- The Children's Lunch Box , Beans Café, Anchorage, AK  
\$1,000 – Shelving and delivery carts
- Bristol Bay Elders Action Group, Naknak, AK  
\$1,000 Industrial refrigerator
- Chugiak Senior Citizens, Inc, Chugiak AK  
\$1,000 – Assist with purchase of new vehicle for home delivered meals
- Copper River Native Association  
\$890.80 – Freezer
- The Glory Hole, Juneau, AK  
\$1,000 – Walk-in freezer
- Helping Hands Food Bank, Tok, Alaska  
\$1,000 – Storage area
- Kodiak Island Food Bank, Kodiak, Alaska  
\$672.83– Refrigerator
- Nenana Tortella Council on Aging, Nenana, AK  
\$1,000 – Freezer temperature alarm
- St. Francis House, Catholic Social Services, Anchorage, AK  
\$1000 - Shopping carts

The Alaska Food Coalition is a statewide group of over 60 nonprofit and faith-based agencies working everyday to help feed hungry Alaskan in communities such as Fairbanks, Anchorage, Kenai, Soldotna, Nome, Dillingham, Bethel, Juneau, Kodiak and many more. The purpose of the Alaska Food Coalition is to strengthen and coordinate public and private food and nutrition assistance programs, advocate for hungry Alaskans, and to educate policy makers about Alaskan food needs.