

What's given in the valley....STAYS in the valley!

August 6, 2014

MatSu Rotary

Dear Roxie,



Thank you for your continued support of ours and so many other organizations doing so much good work in our communities. I appreciate your attention to how hungry kids and families are fed in Alaska and I appreciate this opportunity to request funds in the amount of \$5,156 to help alter the face of childhood hunger in the MatSu.

Since Food4Kids' launch we've connected kids struggling with hunger with more than 160,000 additional meals. How did we do it? By working with our incredible partners and investing in practical solutions to end hunger. We're feeding more kids every day, making sure they have the food they need to learn and grow. Schools are making breakfast part of the school day; we continue to advocate for breakthrough policy changes to feed more children; and we're finding new ways to reach kids with meals all year round everywhere across the MatSu Borough.

We are proud of the outstanding reputation Food4Kids has for providing quality, healthy meals to sites across the Matanuska valley. Because not all children can access an established "urban" meal site – we go to them! Each weekday we load up more than 400 meals for delivery to community sites where our partners are making meals available to valley kids. Your investment in retrofitting our delivery van with shelving which holds food pans will allow us to safely transport more meals for delivery.

We hope that you will continue to stand by our side in this great endeavor to combat childhood hunger! Thank you so much for the role that you are playing alongside Food4Kids.

With deepest gratitude,

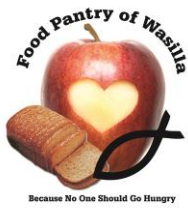
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Our existing cargo space allows us to safely transport 8-9 prepared food bins which only serves 8 sites. Our current process is challenging and limited due to the lack of “contained” storage during transport.



The addition of 2 food grade shelving carts to each of our delivery vans, designed to transport food bins will allow us to safely transport more than 24 prepared site bins at one time. This product will be secured to the flooring of our delivery vans increasing our ability to provide meals to outreaching communities year round.