



What's Happening at the Food Bank?



Gil Pena, Peggy Baily & Nancy McKinney at the Food Bank

The Ballard Food Bank is very fortunate to have a talented and dedicated staff!

In August of 2007 Peggy Bailey was hired to be the Operation's Manager. Peggy brings a clear sense of order and efficiency to the food bank. She manages volunteers in grocery recovery, food distribution and home delivery routes.

In October of 2007 Nancy McKinney was hired to be the Executive Director. Nancy has a strong background in non-profit management. Nancy spends her time fund raising, collaborating in the community and managing volunteers and staff.

In April of 2007 we hired long time volunteer, Gil Pena, to be the Meals Program Coordinator. Gil is a master at creating food from our donations while using volunteers to make it all happen.

The food bank board is working on plans for the future. We have outgrown our current facility and will need to move to a new building. It is exciting to be in a position to look ahead to the future, with a strong board and staff, to pull it all together. We would welcome community involvement in this process. Please let us know if you are interested in helping!

Food Bank Friends

Last November Andrew Parker (RE/MAX Mutual) started a campaign titled "Work for Food." He began donating a portion of his personal real estate commissions to support local food banks and soup kitchens in an effort to raise \$15,000. Year to date he has raised over \$2,000!

Parker got the idea when he saw a woman with a sign that read "Anything Helps." This common sight prompted Parker to act. "My normal reaction to this situation is to act as though the homeless person is not there," he says. "I've been acting out the same scene for years," he says, "but I've decided to do something about it in 2008."

There are over 8,000 homeless people living in Seattle. Parker intends to

support two non-profits that are close to his office in Ballard, the Ballard Food Bank and the Phinney Neighborhood Association's (PNA) Soup Kitchen.

In a final gesture of good-will, Parker will make the donations in the name of his clients. Even though the money will come from his personal proceeds, he'd like his clients to feel part of the giving experience.

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