It's hard to believe it's that time of year again. We truly can’t make this plentiful feast happen without the generosity of our donors. Donations can be dropped off 7 days a week between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Bean’s Cafe 1101 E. 3rd Avenue or at Jewel Lake Tastee Freez. If you prefer, you can make a monetary donation at beanscafe.org and designate holiday meal. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for Christmas list items coming soon.

Winter is approaching and that creates a dangerous situation for the clients we serve at Bean’s Cafe. There is simply not enough shelter for everyone who needs a place to stay. Bean’s Cafe has again been asked by the Municipality of Anchorage to act as an Emergency Shelter between the hours of 6 p.m. – 6 a.m., seven days a week, beginning in November and extending into April 2020.

While this is outside our normal scope of day shelter and meals, we said yes. We said yes because our clients need a warm, safe place to be at night. We are only able to do this with financial support from the Municipality, and the funds allocated for this program are exactly that, designed to fund only this program. These funds do not pay for our on-going day shelter and meal program.

Our core mission remains the same...fighting hunger one meal at a time while promoting self-sufficiency for our clients. Last year alone we served 705,000 meals between Bean’s Cafe and The Children’s Lunchbox! You made this possible.

Our donors have been rock-solid in your support, and we appreciate that so much. We ask that you please continue that support, especially as we take on added responsibilities of an emergency shelter. The extended emergency shelter aspect is city-funded...the rest is not. Your contributions truly keep the doors open, the lights on and daily nourishment available to our clients who need it most. Your support helps us in our mission to fight hunger for all ages, one meal at a time, while providing a pathway to self-sufficiency with dignity and respect.

In short, Bean’s Cafe is widening the scope of our services to help those who are in need this cold weather season. The Municipality called and we have answered. The number one goal is helping the most vulnerable, and keeping them warm, safe and fed.

Sincerely,

Lisa Sauder

Bean’s Cafe Thanksgiving Meal Wish List

- Turkeys and Hams
- Marshmallows
- Whipping cream
- Fresh cranberries
- Cream of mushroom soup
- 12" flour tortillas
- Sugar (White and Brown)
- Eggs
- Cherry tomatoes
- Canned fruit cocktail
- Fresh fruit (apples and oranges)
- Broccoli
- Shredded Cheese
- Sweet potatoes
- Canned pumpkin

Happy Thanksgiving!
Bean’s Cafe and The Children’s Lunchbox honored by the Better Business Bureau

We are excited to announce Bean’s Cafe and The Children’s Lunchbox received the Better Business Bureau Northwest Serving Alaska Torch Award.

This is the most prestigious BBB award presented to businesses and charities that demonstrate excellence in their dedication to high standards of trust, integrity and ethical business practice in the marketplace. Encouraging and supporting ethical business practices is a key purpose of the Better Business Bureau. Being a recipient indicates that the business or charity not only believes in the high standards promoted by the BBB, but also consistently acts on them and continuously integrates them into daily practices.

Nourish Their Dreams Event

The event was held at The Hotel Captain Cook and raised nearly $72,000 to fund The Weekend Food Program.

On Tuesday, September 10 we held our annual fundraiser, Nourish Their Dreams. This lunchtime, educational event, presented by BP raises money and awareness for The Children’s Lunchbox, a program of Bean’s Cafe. The event was held at The Hotel Captain Cook and raised nearly $72,000 to fund The Weekend Food Program. Attendees enjoyed a wonderful lunch, a presentation by Dr. Rachel Lescher, Pediatric Endocrinologist for the Alaska Native Tribal Health Consortium and performances by the Alaska Native Cultural Charter School Yup’ik Choir and the Kingikmiut Alaska Native Dance Group from several regions in Alaska.

The Children’s Lunchbox honored by the Better Business Bureau

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These wish lists include the most commonly needed and requested items in our programs. You can also like us on Facebook so you’ll get periodic updates.

Bean’s Cafe

- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit
- Oatmeal
- Canned Tomato Products
- Dry Cereal
- Canned Tuna
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper
- Coffee, tea, cocoa
- Cooking Oil
- Spices in bulk sizes
- Snack Items (granola bars, fruit snacks, chips, etc.)
- Socks
- Gloves
- Over the counter medications (tums, vitamins, ibuprofen, cough drops, etc.)

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
1101 E. 3rd Avenue
7-days a week 8 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The Children’s Lunchbox

- Whole Wheat Pasta
- Fruit Leather
- Canned Fruit
- Oatmeal
- Dried Fruit
- Granola Bars
- Brown Rice
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Soup
- Canned Chili
- Easy Mac & Cheese

We appreciate individual size packages whenever possible

DROP-OFF LOCATION:
TCL Kitchen, 1020 E. 4th Avenue
Monday – Friday 8 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

CALL: (907) 433-8600 to find out how
Join us December 5, beginning at 6 p.m. for Toast to the Coast, an event to fight hunger. This Thursday night cocktail event at the Anchorage Museum is presented by Pacific Seafood Processors Association, with 100% of the proceeds benefiting Bean’s Cafe and The Children’s Lunchbox! This event features the best of Alaskan Seafood, donated by Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute, prepared by the chefs of Bean’s Cafe, in conjunction with Chef Laura from Muse Restaurant. The evening includes fine wine & beer pairings from K&L Distributors and Young’s Market, a live & silent auction, and so much more! This event is one you don’t want to miss! Our 2018 event raised over $100,000 for Bean’s Cafe and The Children’s Lunchbox. Tickets on sale now at beanscafe.org or MyAlaskaTix.com. This event is for those 21 years and older.

Please contact us at 433-8600 if you are interested in volunteering or Kalinda Kindle, kkindle@beanscafe.org for event specific questions.
Volunteers are the heartbeat of our organization

Approximately 1800 individuals volunteer with our organization each year, equating to thousands of hours of donated time. We simply cannot fulfill our mission without the help of our volunteers.

We thank each and every one you from the bottom of our hearts.
In Alaska, charitable gaming is operated on behalf of non-profit organizations, including Bean’s Cafe. For the last 26 years Tudor Bingo Center has raised and distributed over $35 MILLION for charities within our community. In fact, they have consistently been our number one donor year after year.

Tudor Bingo Center was established in 1993 by Jack Powers. Jack sadly passed in January 2012 but ensured that his legacy would continue through his brother John. John Powers is the current owner and operator of Tudor Bingo Center, Tudor Tabs on Benson Boulevard, Tudor Tabs/Alaska Lottery kiosk on the 1st floor of the 5th Avenue Mall and Alaska Lottery. In April 2014, Tudor Bingo Center moved into its brand new home just down the road from the old location.

We thank the Powers family for their support over the years. Because of their support we are able to continue our commitment to our community.

Charitable Gaming

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Beanie Boxes? How About School Food Pantry Boxes Instead?

It is that time of year again…Beanie Boxes for Bean’s Cafe. While we do love and appreciate them and they’ve been a long standing tradition, we see our needs changing with the times and are encouraging our donors to make School Pantry Boxes instead. The Children’s Lunchbox’s version of a beanie box!

The Children’s Lunchbox has been feeding children and supporting families here in Anchorage since 2006. Structurally, we offer several services year-round, in an attempt to fill gaps where children may be left void of food. These services include administering the Weekend Food Program in three Title 1 schools, supplying eight school based food pantries, serving several afterschool programs and centers during the academic year, and even more summer programs after school lets out, totaling 437,262 meals served in 2018.

Teachers and school staff are often the first to realize when a child or family is in crisis. Through the years we have heard from several schools that staff often step in to support children and families in these circumstances, often with their own personal funds. Stocking food pantries in schools is our way of supporting our schools while providing a more targeted approach to helping families in need.

If you are interested in more information and instruction, please email darthur@beanscafe.org or call 907.433.8600.
Especially during this holiday season we appreciate your desire to make your charitable donations to us, and encourage you to do so in a way that helps meet other financial needs. In short, we want your donation to benefit you as well.

**How can you accomplish this?**

**With planned giving!**

What exactly are planned gifts? As defined by the National Committee on Planned Giving, they are charitable giving methods that allow you to fulfill your personal goals and values by integrating your charitable, family and financial goals.

**Things to know:**

- When making a planned charitable gift we encourage you to work with a knowledgeable advisor such as an attorney, financial planner, or CPA to help structure the gift.

- Planned gifts can be made with cash, but many planned gifts are made by donating assets such as stocks, real estate, art pieces, or business interests - the possibilities are endless!

- Planned gifts can provide valuable tax benefits and/or lifetime income for you, your spouse or loved ones.

- The most frequently made planned gifts are bequests to charities, made through a will.

- Other popular planned gifts include charitable trusts and charitable gift annuities.

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**So why consider a planned gift?**

Many people want to make charitable gifts but need to do so in a way that helps meet their other personal, family, or financial needs. Planned gifts give donors the option for making their charitable gifts in ways that may allow them to:

- Make a larger charitable gift than they thought possible
- Increase their current income
- Plan for the financial needs of a spouse or loved one
- Provide inheritances for their heirs at a reduced tax cost
- Reduce their income tax and/or avoid capital gains tax
- Diversify their investment portfolio
- Receive income from their personal residence or farm
- Plan for the transfer of their business
- Leave a charitable legacy for future generations