

# NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR

March 15 2020 - May 31, 2021

The coronavirus pandemic is delivering unprecedented economic challenges to thousands of Alaskans.

- Job losses remain historically large, and unemployment claims during the second week of March, 2021 had five times the unemployment claims of the same week in 2020.
- Leisure and hospitality continues to record the largest job losses, but as of April 2021 has started to see its first uptick.

Hundreds of individuals, companies, foundations, and organizations have stepped up to help our neighbors.

## Rent, Mortgage, Utility, Child Care Assistance

### Services provided

1,066 SERVICES PROVIDED

RENT 602	MORTGAGE 145	UTILITIES 317	CHILD CARE 2
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### Alaskans helped

1,001 HOUSEHOLDS

WITH 3,263 INDIVIDUALS  
RECEIVED ASSISTANCE



### Funds expended

\$840,093.00

RENT \$546,843.42	MORTGAGE \$140,439.09	UTILITIES \$151,116.46	CHILD CARE \$1,694
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### Service regions and partners

#### REGIONS

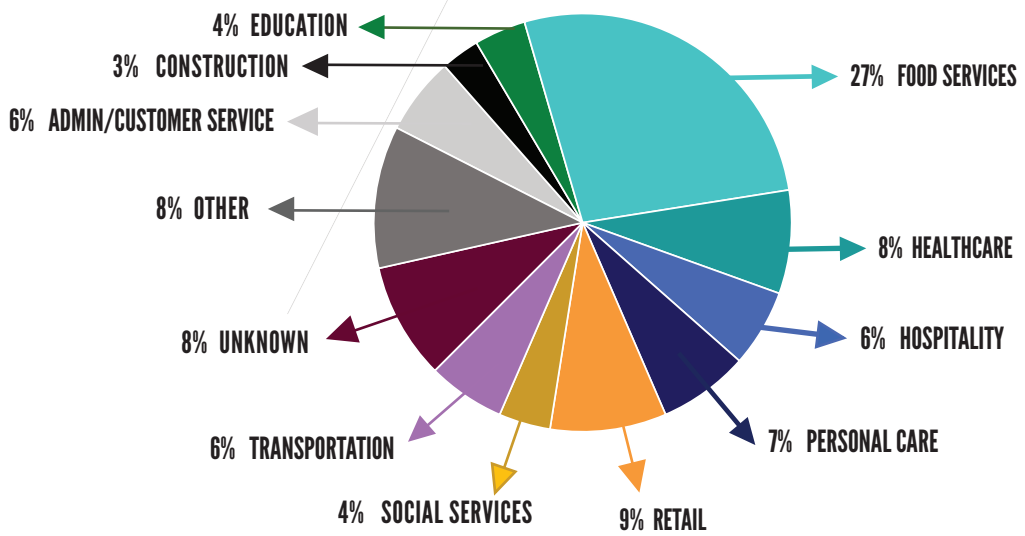
1. Copper River Basin
2. Aleutian Islands
3. Arctic Slope
4. Bering Straits
5. Bristol Bay
6. Yukon Kuskokwim
7. Prince William Sound
8. Southcentral
9. Interior
10. Kodiak Archipelago
11. Northwest Arctic
12. Southeast



#### ORGANIZATIONS

- Copper River Native Association
- SW Alaska Municipal Conference
- Arctic Slope Native Association
- Kawerak
- Bristol Bay Native Association
- Maniilaq Association
- Lutheran Social Services Alaska
- The Salvation Army

▶ Job sectors



**Food Assistance**

▶ Funds expended

**\$272,000**

▶ Service regions and partners

<p><b>\$62,000</b> Food Bank of Alaska to serve Copper River Basin, Aleutian Islands, Arctic Slope, Bering Straits, Bristol Bay, Yukon Kuskokwim, Anchorage, Mat-Su, Kodiak, NW Arctic</p>	<p><b>\$150,000</b> Restaurant and Hunger Relief to serve Anchorage</p>	<p><b>\$10,000</b> Children's Lunchbox to serve Anchorage</p>	<p><b>\$5,000</b> Copper River Native Association to serve Copper River Area</p>	<p><b>\$15,000</b> Fairbanks Community Food Bank to serve Interior</p>	<p><b>\$15,000</b> Kenai Peninsula Food Bank to serve Kenai Peninsula</p>	<p><b>\$15,000</b> Southeast Alaska Food Bank to serve Southeast Alaska</p>
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▶ From the front lines

These are some of our neighbors who received assistance from the MOA Rental Assistance Response Fund.

**She ran a one-chair hair salon in Muldoon when the curtain fell on appointments and her temporary job at Target ended.** She described working on several fronts to improve her finances. Fearing eviction, she called 2-1-1 who in turn referred her to Lutheran Social Services for rent assistance. She's hoping to combine work and school as she looks to train to become a certified medical assistant.

**A husband and wife saw their income drop dramatically when his hours at Capital Glass were cut.** The rental assistance boost from AK Can Do would keep them housed until his return to full time work produced a paycheck to keep pace with the family's expenses. The parents of a one-year old son, who'd been born prematurely, said of the help they received, "It's a miracle. Our family is safe."

**A 32-year-old woman scrambled to make ends meet teaching music and dance, along with other gig work, when the pandemic gutted her finances.** She got her car insurance payments deferred, but a mix-up on the date when the deferment started left her bank account overdrawn and her rent unpaid. "I was in a house on fire and saying, 'Everything is gonna be fine,'" she recounted. "But it's not fine. I don't have a bucket of water." Thanks to AK Can Do, Lutheran Social Services had that figurative bucket of water, a check for \$975 that put out the fire of the unpaid rent.

