

# LARAMIE SOUP KITCHEN

More than a meal



**Nutritious Meals**

**Social Interaction**

**Local Resources**

## Dueling Pianos 2018

The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Dueling Pianos Fundraiser & Wine Pull at the UW Gateway Center ruled the night of Friday, April 6, 2018. This year's event was the biggest and best yet, with a sold out crowd of over 350 there to enjoy it. The most impressive part is how much was raised, \$36,000 and double last year's net revenue. We are sincerely grateful for the exceptional generosity shown by so many for this event!

## Event Highlights

Two generous matching grants tripled the donation for all song requests, making the upgrade to a commercial stove possible!



338 bottles of wine were donated for the Wine Pull. At \$20 per pull, some guests left with bottles valued at \$50, \$100, or even \$250.

For the first time, individuals at VIP and Corporate tables received a commemorative stemless wine glass to remember the event.



The energetic *KillerKeyz* duo kept the music lively, including guest favorite, *Sweet Caroline*, which raised over \$1,800 matched.

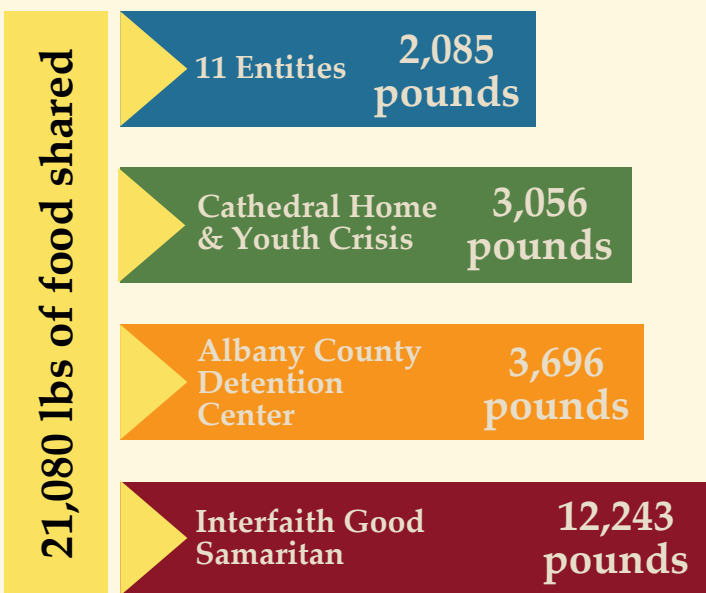
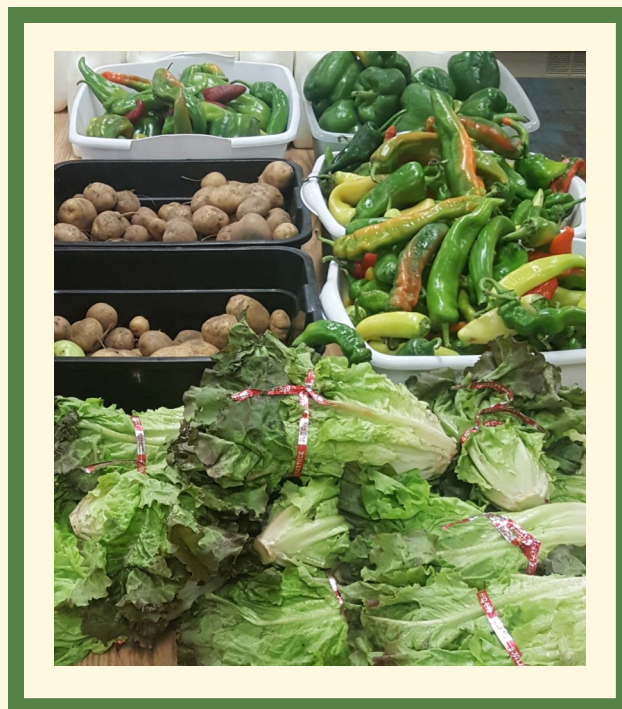


## SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars  
for the 4<sup>th</sup> annual  
Dueling Pianos  
Fundraiser & Wine  
Pull on  
**Friday, April 5, 2019**

# Working to Eliminate Edible Food Waste

Thanks to generous businesses and individuals, the Laramie Soup Kitchen receives an average of 498 pounds of food each day, reaching a total of 127,520 pounds in 2017. Donated food primarily becomes part of meals; some is kept for future days, reserved for youth programs, or offered for guests to take home. Any food donations that are not used do not go to waste. Instead, high quality surplus food is shared with 15 other organizations and the items not fit for human consumption are collected for livestock.



Food Recovery Specialists work to receive, sort, and redistribute all of this donated food. Major recipients of the surplus include Interfaith Good Samaritan, Cathedral Home for Children, and the Albany County Detention Center. Shared food strengthens the local network of service agencies and helps the Laramie Soup Kitchen respond to food insecurity on a much larger scale, which helps us further our goal of providing “More than a meal.”

*Did You Know?*

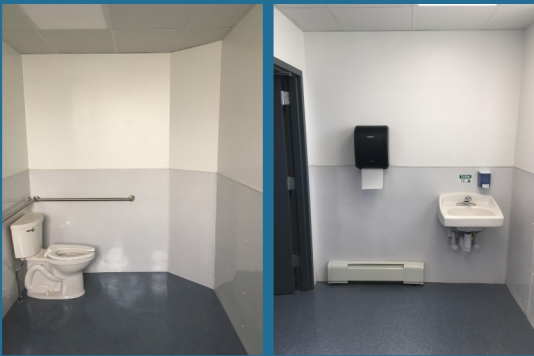
The Laramie Soup Kitchen can accept canned foods beyond the manufacturers stamped date. The next time you are cleaning out your pantry, don't throw away those old food items, help eliminate edible food waste and hunger in our community by donating them to the Laramie Soup Kitchen! Visit [LaramieSoupKitchen.org/wish-list](http://LaramieSoupKitchen.org/wish-list) for more information.

# St. Matthew's Cathedral Remodel

Thirty years ago, a partnership was formed when St. Matthew's generously offered the lower-level of their Cathedral as a consistent location for the Soup Kitchen to prepare and serve meals for the hungry. The remodel currently underway is a testament to this partnership. *JC Construction & Design*, the general contractor, has done amazing work and went out of their way to keep the Soup Kitchen open throughout construction.

## Ramp

The pinnacle of the remodel is an American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant ramp that makes the primary entrance to the space accessible to all. The ramp (interior section pictured) will also enable the Soup Kitchen to receive large food donations far more efficiently.



## Bathrooms

A full reconstruction of the men's and women's bathrooms to ADA standards will ensure that every person feels welcome at the Soup Kitchen. New flooring and washable lower wall panels will drastically improve the ease of cleaning as well.

## Kitchen

Work in the kitchen includes floor to ceiling washable walls, adding a hand wash sink, updating electrical outlets, new flooring, and many more improvements to promote an exceptionally clean space for all food preparation.



The Laramie Soup Kitchen received a City Proclamation on April 3, 2018 in recognition of our commitment to creating an ADA friendly establishment.

The Foundation for the Episcopal Diocese of Wyoming and several other foundations/grants provided the funding for this remodel. **Your donations**, no matter the amount, continue to support our day-to-day operations and nearly doubled last newsletter's March 2018 fundraising goal!



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED



## Help Support Our Work!

The Laramie Soup Kitchen is constantly evolving to serve guests' changing needs.  
We have also expanded the ways for you to give to better suit you!

### By Mail



Simply mail the  
enclosed return  
envelope back to the  
Soup Kitchen with  
your monetary  
donation

### Online



[LaramieSoupKitchen.org](http://LaramieSoupKitchen.org)

Click *Donate*

— Or —

*Support-Ways to Give*

View multiple giving  
options including our  
Amazon Wish List

### In Person



Stop by the  
Soup Kitchen  
Monday to Friday  
8 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
with your food or  
monetary donation

**As a special bonus, all who give \$50 or more this quarter will receive a gift  
for you to display your support of the Laramie Soup Kitchen!**