



FISH

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings,

The new year begins with hope and expectations for FISH. On January 9, FISH will take part in the Shoeless Showdown at William and Mary's Kaplan Arena as the Tribe basketball team takes on UNC Wilmington. Anyone bringing a new pair of shoes will receive free admission to the game, a coupon for a free Chick-fil-A sandwich, and two tickets to another game. Last year, we collected 610 pairs of shoes. This is a great way to enjoy a game while helping FISH.

The last few months have seen many large donations of food and clothing as well as many financial contributions. This is good news because we have seen an increase in clients served.

On January 9, at 10:00 we will have our annual meeting and election of board members. We will conduct a short meeting, have refreshments, and answer questions. Please plan to attend.

The build out is completed. Soon we will reorganize and configure our space in the best way we can to serve our clients. This will be a fluid move as we monitor and adjust.

As always, I thank you for your service to FISH. It never ceases to amaze me how many hours are given by so many.

Blessings.

Gene Bruss

President

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THE PANTRY REPORT

During the month of October, 399 food requests were made, and 1,026 people were fed--an increase of 6% from October 2018. Enough food was provided for 18,468 meals.

In November, there were 400 food requests made for 1,131 people--a 29% increase from November 2018. 20,358 meals were provided.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Welcome new volunteers Melissa and Tom Magowan, Lynn Lubinski, Laura Stanford, Lora Long, Micaela Wibberly, as well as returning volunteer Dotty Trusz!

We'd like to thank leaving volunteers Essie Welch, Joani Wallis, Joye Barnes, and Jeanne Besterfeldt.



Ruth Bott took donated toys to the Salvation Army and Toys for Tots.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Dale Huebner

Dale Huebner has been volunteering with FISH since 2013. She lives at her home on Cape Cod from June to October, but when she is in town, she is at FISH almost every day sorting and shelving food items in the pantry. Dale earned her bachelor's degree at Geneseo State and her master's at the University of Scranton. She spent 40 years in the education field as a reading consultant and disability specialist. For ten years, she was a property manager, and she owned her own business for three of those years. She also owned a laundromat in the Adirondacks where she enjoyed talking with all her customers. Her hobbies include traveling and reading historical novels.



ANNUAL MEETING

The FISH annual meeting will be held Thursday, January 9 at the Historic Triangle Community Services Building, 312 Waller Mill Road. All volunteers are encouraged to attend.

Notices and ballots for the election of board members were emailed or mailed to all volunteers. If you did not receive yours, ballots are available in the pantry.

Refreshments are at 9:30, and meeting begins at 10.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Contact Martha
Buell at
757-345-2646

WEATHER POLICY

FISH is also closed when the WJCC public schools close for severe weather emergencies.

FISH tries to open on time when schools are on a delayed schedule.

2020 CLOSURES

New Year's Day – Wednesday, January 1

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – Monday, January 20

Presidents Day – Monday, February 17

Memorial Day – Monday, May 25

Independence Day – Friday, July 3

Labor Day – Monday, September 7

Columbus Day – Monday, October 12

Veterans Day – Wednesday, November 11

Thanksgiving – Noon, Wednesday, November 25; Thursday, November 26;

Friday, November 27

Christmas – Thursday, December 24;

Friday, December 25

New Year – Noon, Thursday, December 31;

Friday, January 1, 2021

This year FISH will be open on Columbus Day.

THE CLOSET REPORT

In October, 429 people were clothed (261 adults and 168 children) for a total of 1,207 outfits. This was a 27% decrease from 2018.

In November, 456 people (263 adults and 193 children) were clothed with 1,217 outfits. This was an 23% increase from last year.

A FEW HOLIDAY DONATIONS RECEIVED!



Williamsburg Realty



Williamsburg Montessori Children's House



Holiday Baskets donated by Linda Hakim and Cindie Manos (who have been providing gift baskets for all holidays for many years)!



Williamsburg Host Lions Club



Windsor Meade



Williamsburg Montessori Lower Elementary Classes



Join us for our Shoeless Showdown.

7 p.m. | Kaplan Arena
Thursday, January 9, 2020

W&M Basketball

Bring a new pair of shoes (child or adult) and watch
William & Mary take on the UNC Wilmington

That's right—bring a new pair of shoes and receive:

- | FREE entrance into the game
- | Coupon for a FREE Chick-fil-A sandwich
- | \$10 coupon toward a new C&F checking account
- | Two FREE tickets to the upcoming Towson (1/25)
or Drexel (2/13) game

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