

September-October  
2019



## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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<HTTPS://WILLIAMSBURGFISH.WEEBLY.COM/>

Greetings,

As summer continues to heat up, so do things at FISH. Thanks to John Ellis for organizing the manpower to receive several very large collections of food. It is good to see some of our supporters collecting food in the summer when needs are great.

We continue to look at ways to better feed our clients. Holly Trotter is looking at non-refrigerated milk as a possible shelf item. We are also looking at a better quality cheese for our clients. Menu changes and options are constantly being looked at and evaluated.

Mike Motes is looking into PayPal as a way for online donations to be made. This would be available on our website.

The monthly food distribution, managed by Jill Holroyd, continues to provide up to 100 families with much needed meats, fruits and vegetables.

Joe Benedetti's group is looking into providing crock pots for families in motels. This would give them an alternative way of preparing food.

Fish provided non-perishables for the Summer feeding program. Enjoy the rest of your summer. It will be the holidays before you know it.

Blessings.

Gene Bruss

# THE PANTRY REPORT

During the month of June, 275 food requests were made, and 705 people were fed--a decrease of 1% from June 2018. Enough food was provided for 12,690 meals.

In July, there were 313 food requests made for 803 people--a 2% decrease from July 2018. 14,454 meals were provided.



## OUR VOLUNTEERS

We'd like to welcome new volunteers Tom Rush, Pat Evers, Carol Wehrmann-Reid, and Frank Saxton. Thank you to resigning volunteer Laurel Ryan!



Mike Motes and wife enjoy food at the Virginia Chefs Association fundraiser held at Billsburg Brewery. Some of the proceeds will benefit FISH.

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## JOHN ELLIS

John Ellis has been volunteering with FISH since 2013 and holds the title Donations Coordinator, a newly created position. John was born in Hampton and worked for the Public Works Department there for 34 years. He has volunteered with the Hampton Police Department, Surry Health Department, and his church, and his hobbies include fishing, coin collecting, and cross stitch. He and his wife, Stephanie, have one daughter and one grandson (who has helped with donations). John is the lead volunteer for our only “all male” pantry team. Contact him if you are interested in helping with large donations!



## THE CLOSET REPORT

In June, 264 people were clothed (154 adults and 110 children) for a total of 797 outfits. This was a 1% decrease from 2018. In June, a total of 48 households got housewares.

In July, 317 people (187 adults and 130 children) were clothed with 920 outfits. This was an 18% increase from last year. Also in July, 38 households got housewares.

# INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Contact Martha Buell at  
757-345-2646

## WANTED:

Paper bags for the pantry!

# HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Monday, Labor Day, September 2

Monday, Columbus Day, October 14

Monday, Veterans' Day, November 11

Closed at Noon on Wednesday,  
November 27

Thursday Thanksgiving, November 28  
and closed Friday, November 29.

Wednesday, Christmas Eve,  
December 24

Thursday, Christmas Day, December  
25

Closed at noon on Tuesday, December  
31, New Year's Eve



THANKS TO THESE KIWANIS VOLUNTEERS (AND OTHERS) WHO ORGANIZED A FOOD DRIVE AT HARRIS TEETER IN AUGUST. 340 BAGS WERE DONATED.

CHEF KYLE AND PRESIDENT GENE BRUSS AT THE VIRGINIA CHEFS ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISER AT BILLSBURG BREWERY.

