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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings,

This will be my last message to you as president. After many years of service, I will be stepping down from the board. It has been my honor and privilege to represent you. FISH is a special place with very special people. The amount of time and energy given by its volunteers is amazing.

Your board also puts in many hours discussing ideas and making decisions to make FISH a better place for its clients.

This past year has been especially difficult as we coped with the pandemic and tried to keep open for our clients. Special thanks to those who put so many hours in volunteering to keep our doors open.

The board has also been spending many hours trying to find a new home for our organization. We don't have any concrete information to pass along yet, but we are hoping that can occur soon.

Jack Trotter will be taking over as president of the board, and Dan Fontaine will be taking my place on the board effective July 1.

All of my best to you and yours.

Gene Bruss

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FISH INC".

# LEAVING VOLUNTEERS

Cathy Keane

Ursula Karahalios



Students from the Catholic Campus Ministry volunteered to help our Food Coordinator, Holly Trotter.

# EDITOR'S FAREWELL

My name is Olivia Buell, and I am resigning from the newsletter after serving as its editor for three years. In the fall, I will be attending the University of Virginia, where I hope to major in chemistry and pursue a career in medicine. During my time at UVA, I plan on gaining research experience and joining the club horseback riding team. Everyone I have spoken to while working on the newsletter has been incredibly kind, and I wish FISH all the best for the future.



Kathleen Pock, who served briefly before COVID in the FISH pantry and office, has volunteered to be the new editor. She retired four years ago from a software development company focusing on fundraising software, where she contributed a variety of services for 23 years. Her roles included office manager, webmaster, newsletter editor, and contract administrator. Kathleen holds a B.A. in education from Bob Jones University. Originally based in California, she and her husband moved to Williamsburg in 1990 to raise their son and have unpredictably become avid Hokie fans. They reside in Queens Lake with their two 13-year-old Tibetan Spaniels named Sadie and Fenway.



# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Ginger Miller

Ginger was born in Pottsville, PA, and graduated from Kutztown University with a B.S. in Art Education. She and her husband, Jim, have been married 51 years. They have two daughters and two grandchildren. For 14 years she taught for the Baltimore County School System, retiring as head of the Ridgely Middle School Art Department. Since moving to Williamsburg in 2012, Ginger has exhibited in several art shows and is a member of the Williamsburg Contemporary Art Center. While going through cardiac rehabilitation in 2018, Ginger and other program participants realized a need for a support group for patients and their families. The result was the founding of The Williamsburg Chapter of Mended Hearts, of which



Ginger is a charter member. She became a monthly pantry volunteer and regular substitute in 2013. Since the pandemic, Ginger can be found at FISH several times a week, organizing donations, restocking shelves and packing bags. On the fourth Saturday of each month, she volunteers for the “packing bags for motels” program, sponsored by FISH. Ginger is looking forward to the new FISH facility and working with her volunteer friends to provide food to clients on a regular monthly schedule.

# 2021 CLOSURES

Monday, July 5 (July 4th Observance)

Monday, September 6 (Labor Day)

Monday, October 11 (Columbus Day)

Thursday, November 11 (Veteran's Day)

Wednesday, November 24 (Closes at Noon)

Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26  
(Thanksgiving Day and Following Day)

Friday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

Friday, December 31 (New Year's Eve)



Walnut Hills Baptist Church 35th Annual Golf Tournament to benefit FISH. More than 35 bags of food were donated and a \$126 check.



James City Lions Food Drive to benefit FISH.

# THANK YOU, GENE!



After many years as board president, Gene Bruss (left) will be stepping down and Jack Trotter (right) will be taking over.

