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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings,

FISH is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to serving those in need in our home area. Volunteers should enjoy their time spent at FISH serving and interacting with clients. We have been blessed with donations by our community, and we are entrusted to be good stewards of those donations. Please make sure that your interactions are positive with those you serve. Clients should leave FISH with what they need and a good feeling about their experience.

Martha Buell has been working with training sessions for all volunteers. Please make every effort to attend one of them. Important information is being shared as well as discussions about real situations and issues that have occurred.

Many people have asked about Billie. She continues to rehab with hopes of returning soon. Thanks to Mary Kane's for her efforts in the clothing closet. She tells me everyone has stepped up in Billie's absence.

As always, thank all of you for your efforts in helping make FISH the best organization anywhere!

Blessings,

Gene Bruss

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FISH INC".

THE PANTRY REPORT

During the month of December, 322 food requests were made, and 838 people were fed--an increase of 18% from December 2018. Enough food was provided for 15,084 meals.

In January, there were 368 food requests made for 964 people--a 7% increase from January 2019. 17,352 meals were provided.

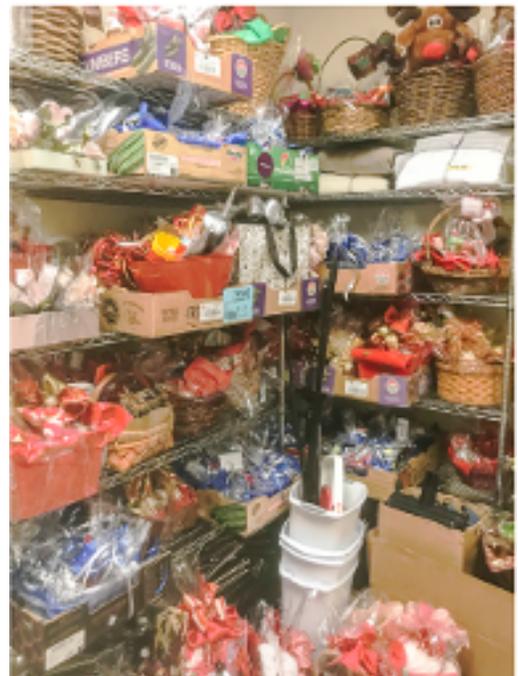


Volunteer Bonnie McNail accepts check donation from Chuck Roadley of Stantec.

OUR VOLUNTEERS

Welcome new volunteers Deb Morris, Cynthia Holloway, Katie Abercrombie, Tricia Byrne, Lori Vitale, Kathleen Pock, Joe Battersby, and Carmela and Elliott Weiss.

We'd like to thank leaving volunteers Karen Hershberger, Lou Lombardo, and Carol Palencar.



For many years, Linda Hakim and Cindie Manos have donated beautifully wrapped baskets for all holidays. These are just a few they provided for our clients at Christmas.

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

William & Mary Men's Gymnastics Team

FISH has long had the support of the college and their athletic teams, but most recently the William and Mary Men's Gymnastics Team has been very helpful. They transferred the food items from our storage rooms down the hall to our new space adjoining the pantry and held a large food drive for us.

This picture was taken February 23 following their at home victory over Springfield College of Massachusetts. If you'd like to support the team, their next and last home meet is against Penn State on Saturday, March 14, at 1 pm at Kaplan Arena. Admission is free!



On January 9, FISH received almost 700 pairs of new shoes at the Annual Shoeless Showdown at Kaplan Arena.

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

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

FISH will be open on Columbus
Day.

THE CLOSET REPORT

In December, 352 people were clothed (192 adults and 160 children) for a total of 815 outfits. This was a 40% decrease from 2018.

In January, 305 people (187 adults and 118 children) were clothed with 742 outfits. This was an 16% increase from 2019.