



# FISH

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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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[HTTPS://WILLIAMSBURGFISH.WEEBLY.COM/](https://williamsburgfish.weebly.com/)

Greetings.

Rumors have been running wild at FISH for the last several months. Yes, things at FISH are going to be looking different. For security reasons at Head Start, FISH will be moving out of rooms 112 and 113 and into the Billie Johnston conference room instead. This space will be changed and modified to suit our needs.

Martha Dean and her committee have been evaluating our needs and figuring out how to best use our space. Changes will be made, and we are optimistic that when done, this will be better for our organization.

There may be some rough spots, but I feel that as we monitor and adjust, we will be very happy with the move.

Thank you in advance for your patience. Because of you, we continue to be one of the very best volunteer organizations.

Enjoy the holidays with family and friends, and I hope you have a joyous New Year.

Blessings,

Gene Bruss

President

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FISH INC".

## THE PANTRY REPORT

During the month of August, 340 food requests were made, and 809 people were fed--a decrease of 2% from August 2018. Enough food was provided for 16,020 meals.

In September, there were 309 food requests made for 796 people--a 17% decrease from September 2018. 14,328 meals were provided.

## OUR VOLUNTEERS

We'd like to welcome new volunteers Linda Tang, Elizabeth Minter, and Lora Long. Thank you to resigning volunteer, Norma Isbel!



**Williamsburg Realty is holding its annual food drive in support of FISH. Donations may be made at their office in Fresh Market shopping center until November 22.**

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## DAN FONTAINE

For the last 18 months, Dan Fontaine has been volunteering at FISH all day each Thursday. He also was recently asked to use his talents to support a committee established by the board.

Dan and his wife Pat have been married for 46 years and have two children and four grandchildren. Pat worked at Riverside Hospital, retiring in 2013.

Dan is a native of Maine, received his mechanical engineering degree from Lowell Tech in Massachusetts, and moved to Newport News in 1972 and Williamsburg in 2003. He worked at Newport News Shipbuilding for 40 years. About two thirds of his time at the shipyard was as a team leader or in management. He retired in 2012 as a master shipbuilder.

Dan is presently a member of the the Gem and Mineral Club of the Virginia Peninsula and is the club's editor. He also joined the James City Lions Club and participates in several of their committees.

Being retired, he has pursued his desire to volunteer in organizations that support our local community. He was a volunteer at the Peninsula Food Bank for 5 years.

When asked why he chose to volunteer at FISH, Dan says that all the volunteers are so friendly and he likes that it is an all-volunteer organization helping our local community.



## INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Contact Martha  
Buell at  
757-345-2646

## HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Monday, Veterans' Day, November 11

Closed at Noon on Wednesday,  
November 27

Thursday Thanksgiving, November 28  
and Friday, November 29.

Wednesday, Christmas Eve,  
December 24

Thursday, Christmas Day, December  
25

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

January 1, New Year's Day

## WEATHER POLICY

FISH is closed when  
Williamsburg-James City  
County Schools are closed. If  
schools have a delayed  
opening, we will try to open  
on time.

## WANTED:

Paper bags for  
the pantry!

## THE CLOSET REPORT

In August, 252 people were clothed (163 adults and 89 children) for a total of 726 outfits. This was a 25% decrease from 2018. In August, a total of 59 households got housewares.

In September, 203 people (122 adults and 81 children) were clothed with 726 outfits. This was an 14% decrease from last year. Also in September, 43 households got housewares.



## Landfall at Jamestown hosts food drive

Landfall at Jamestown neighbors recently joined B2 and Elderberry Jam Band to stock the shelves at FISH. Pictured is Dave Baum of Billsburg Brewery, members of the band and Landfall's board of directors.



President Gene Bruss (center) recently spoke to the James City Lions. Pictured with Gene are club President Steve Jasper and Jack Trotter.



James City Lions Volunteers assisted at the FISH Mobile Food Pantry at Life Church in October.