



FISH

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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings,

Many of us would say good riddance to 2020. This was a year that will not be forgotten for a long time. It was a challenging time for many people and organizations. That can be said about FISH as well. As I have mentioned previously, we were closed for many months. During that time, we helped other nonprofits by contributing over \$35,000 worth of food to help feed those in need.

Recently, we donated \$5,000 to Community of Faith Mission to help house the homeless and to Meals on Wheels. These two organizations have seen a huge increase in their services.

This was made possible by unprecedented donations of food and money to FISH. The generosity of the community is unparalleled in our history. It has caused us to temporarily rent more storage space.

We are now open 5 days a week feeding and clothing those in need. This can only be done because of a core group of volunteers who work tirelessly to keep FISH open. I know there are more of you out there who wish you could be at FISH volunteering. We totally understand your apprehension.

On January 7, 2021, I will host our yearly meeting on Zoom. Don't forget to vote for board members before then.

As I have said, this has been a year of unbelievable support by the community. In time of need, they step up to support groups like us. We thank them for allowing us to continue our mission.

All of my best to you and yours. Hopefully the new year will be better than the last.

Gene Bruss

President

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NEW VOLUNTEERS

Diane Webb
Marcia Harrell
Gwen Hester
Dave Banks

LEAVING VOLUNTEERS

Essie Welch



Linda Cole (left) and CJ Schrader (right) help Mike Motes of FISH unload a donation that they organized at the Villages at Westminster.

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VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHTS

Sue Voigt

Sue is resigning from the board after having served since 2000. She has been a FISH volunteer since the mid 80s. In addition to being Transportation Coordinator (when we gave rides to medical appointments) and Coordinator of Computer Operations, she is a pantry volunteer. Her husband Bob now volunteers with her since his retirement. Sue has a BA from American University in mathematics and an MS from Purdue (where she met Bob). They have 2 daughters and five grandchildren. She and Bob moved to Williamsburg in 1974 from Maryland where she had worked at the Naval Ship R & D Center. Until retiring in 1998, Sue worked with NASA at Langley Research Center as an aerospace technologist in software systems. In retirement, she and Bob enjoy snorkeling in St. John, US Virgin Islands, where they own a villa. They have also snorkeled in many other countries. Her hobbies include gardening, quilting, cooking, birdwatching, and hiking. Thanks, Sue, for all your years of service to FISH!



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Pat Kerr

Pat was born and raised in Rocky Mount, NC. She attended King's Business College in Raleigh and worked several years in business, beginning as an administrative assistant and eventually retiring as an account executive. She retired in 2008 to care for her mother. When her mother died in 2009, Pat joined FISH as a volunteer and became a board member in 2014. She has helped in many ways—writing thank you notes for donations and serving as lead volunteer for two teams, data entry operator, and secretary for the board.

Along with her husband Paul, she is a food bank shopper. Pat and Paul have a daughter, son, and 5 grandchildren. She loved supporting them in their athletic pursuits. Since 1997, Pat has been a member of the Williamsburg Host Lions Club, has served two terms as president, and remains active at the district and state levels. Her hobbies include reading, crossword puzzles, and crochet.

Thanks again, Pat, for all you've done for FISH!!!





SUBMITTED BY TED CORIS

120 bags of food for FISH

Williamsburg Presbyterian Church recently collected 120 bags of food for FISH. Pictured in front of the van, from left, are Jim and Dougie Winthrop and Barb and Chuck Timko from Williamsburg Presbyterian Church. Gene Bruss and Jill Holroyd, board members of FISH, are pictured at the far right.



A few of the many stockings given to FISH by an anonymous donor



Three Jolly Coachmen concert to benefit FISH



SUBMITTED BY LION PAT KERR

Williamsburg Host Lions Club donates \$700 to FISH

The Williamsburg Host Lions Club, with a matching grant from the Lions of Virginia Foundation, recently donated \$700 to FISH to purchase gift cards for Thanksgiving turkeys for their clients. Presenting the check to FISH President Gene Bruss are Lion Steve Anderson (left) and Lion Bill Mershon (right). The Williamsburg Host Lions Club started donating Thanksgiving turkeys to FISH in 2008.



Donation from Colonial Heritage

2021 CLOSURES

Friday, January 1 (New Year's Day)
January 18 (Martin Luther King Day)
Monday, February 15 (Presidents' Day)
Monday, May 31 (Memorial Day)
Monday, July 5 (July 4th Observance)
Monday, September 6 (Labor Day)
Monday October 11 Columbus Day
Wednesday November 24 (Closes at Noon)
Thursday & Friday, November 25 & 26 (Thanksgiving
Day and Following Day)
Friday Christmas Eve
Friday New Year's Eve

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