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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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All,

I hope this note finds you well.

Through the efforts of many, FISH is open on a limited basis for both food and clothing distribution. Food donations are also being accepted on Thursdays.

Martha Buell has done a great job recruiting and communicating with volunteers. Cathey Sadowski has worked hard with signage and communication with clients. The website and phones are updated regularly with current information.

Billie Johnston and Jeanne Fulks are handling clothing distribution to clients on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Holly Trotter and Jill Holroyd are keeping on top of the food situation in the pantry and storage area.

All of your board members have continued to meet and work for a successful reopening of FISH. We all see this as a fluid situation that must be monitored and adjusted as necessary.

We are using safety protocols to keep our workers and clients safe. We will continue on a limited basis until we feel that it is safe to open full time. Clothing donations are not currently being accepted. That would require large groups of individuals to process donations, and we do not feel comfortable with that at this time.

This is truly an unusual time and has caused us to approach our mission in new ways.

Stay safe,

Gene Bruss

President

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FISH INC".

NEW VOLUNTEERS

Karen McKee
Gale Gutierrez
(returning)

2020 CLOSINGS

Wednesday, November 11
Wednesday, November 25
Thursday, November 26
Friday, November 27
Thursday, December 24
Friday December 25
Thursday, December 31
Friday, January 1



**Kathie Ballantine and
Cynthia Hollowell on
“opening day” at FISH in
September**

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Contact Martha Buell at
757-345-2646!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Jeff Deel is one of our newest board members, and his position is grant writer. He has been with FISH since retiring as vice president and corporate controller for Smithfield Foods. Jeff was born and raised in Hampton, VA and now resides in New Town, Williamsburg. He graduated from UVA with a degree in commerce and is a CPA. He and his wife of 40 years, Ilse, have 2 daughters and two grandsons. In addition to FISH, his volunteer activities have included Sunday school teaching and serving on the board of The Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center. Jeff is an avid bicyclist and rides for miles on the Capitol Trail, and his other hobbies include travel and reading.

Jeff enjoys volunteering for fish because, "Having that personal contact of serving someone in need seems to touch a distinctly human characteristic that brings us closer to unity as individuals and as a community."



Jeff and his wife, Ilse