

FISH

The President's Message:

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the FISH Website

<http://williamsburgfish.weebly.com/services.html>

Greetings,

YOU are the face of FISH

What makes FISH such a great organization? Certainly one of the main reasons is its many volunteers who spend countless hours doing a variety of tasks. All of us come in contact with a number of people during our work days.

The clients we serve need to be treated with courtesy and respect. Their visit to FISH may be the only positive part of their day.

Donations are the life blood of our organization. Churches, civic organizations, and individuals bring us food, clothing, and cash. They are entrusting us to be good stewards of their donations and your reception and treatment may determine whether they return.

FISH has a reputation in the community and with your smile and heart-felt thanks, this will continue.

As always, thanks for what you do!

Blessings.

Gene Bruss, President

The Pantry Report:

During the month of April, there were 277 requests for 670 recipients for a total of 10,050 meals. Persons fed was down 14% from April 2016. In May there were 309 requests for 780 recipients for a total of 11,700 meals. Persons fed was up 2% from May, 2016.



Bruton HS Powder Puff Tournament and Carnival raised money for FISH.

The “homeless” shelf has been established (with some replacement items across the hall). Please use those items only for those who have limited cooking facilities or difficulty carrying our full provision of groceries. As we all know, there are other items on the shelves suitable for those clients.

From the Volunteer Coordinator

There seems to be confusion about our closing time since Ed at CSRN closes at 3:30. We are open 9-4. Our donors, clients, and referring agencies expect us to be open until 4.

All volunteers should know all duties. We have so many new volunteers who need to know how to answer the phone, use the computer, distribute clothing, and greet clients at the door.

The Quick Response Team has been eliminated.

FISH sponsored the June Fresh Food Distribution at United Way



Welcome and Farewell

Welcome to Pati Orsino.

Farewell to Andrew Bliefernich, Becky Morgan and Nancy

Facebook

The name for FISH's facebook page is Williamsburg FISH Inc. Volunteers and donors who use facebook are encouraged to "Like" our page.

Goddard School Donates to FISH



Important Phone Numbers:

FISH Building: 757-220-9379

**Volunteers – Martha Buell:
757-345-2646**

**Weather Related Closings:
757-220-4249**

The Messmer Community Service Center will be closed as follows:

Monday January 16th for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday February 20th for President's Day

Monday May 29th for Memorial Day

Tuesday July 4th for Independence Day

Monday September 4th for Labor Day

Monday October 9th for Columbus Day

Friday November 10th for Veterans Day

Thursday November 23rd & Friday November 24th for Thanksgiving

Monday December 25th for Christmas Day

Monday January 1st, 2018 for New Year Day

The Messmer Community Service Center will be closed due to Inclement Weather whenever Williamsburg/James City Public Schools are closed.

When there is a 1 hour or 2 hour delay in Williamsburg/James City Public Schools opening, the Messmer Community Service Center will open at its regular time.

FISH FACTS

In 1975, when FISH was established, volunteers provided food and clothing from their own pantries and closets.

Donations

FISH is thankful for donations of money, food, clothing, and small housewares. The following are the food items that FISH recommends for donations:

- Spaghetti
- Canned Meat, Chicken and Tuna
- Cereals
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Boxed Macaroni and Cheese
- Saltine Crackers
- Applesauce and Canned Fruits
- Powdered Milk
- Beans (Great Northern and Baked)
- Rice
- Peanut Butter
- Grape Jelly
- Canned Soups
- Canned Vegetables



W&M Athletic Association donate food (above). W&M Graduate Public Policy Program donate food and clothing (below).



The Closet Report: In April, 340 outfits were provided to 80 adults and 43 children. Housewares were provided to 37 households in April. In April the total number of requests was down 29% from April, 2016. In May 964 outfits were provided to 180 adults and 149 children. Housewares were provided to 51 households in May. The total number of requests in May was down 6% from May 2016.