



*The
November-December
2018 Edition*

The President's Message:

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the FISH Website

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

Greetings to all,

As holiday season approaches, we are reminded of the many blessings we have. Friends, family, and the many freedoms and comforts our country provides are some of the many blessings we have. FISH continues to be blessed as well.

This past year has seen our organization continue to be supported by our community. This continued support has allowed FISH to broaden its scope and expand its mission. More meals are provided to our clients each visit. The Thursday food distribution under the direction of Jill Holroyd continues to provide families with meat, fresh fruit, and vegetables.

We supported the summer meals program which fed hungry children throughout the Williamsburg area. Joe Benedetti has worked with Head Start to provide over one hundred families with food for the weekends. This occurs twice a month.

We are providing food to the lunch program at the Williamsburg United Methodist Church. All of these things have happened because of the support we receive from our community.

How truly blessed we all are! Enjoy your holidays knowing that you have helped provide food, clothing and housewares for those in need!

Gene Bruss
President

The Pantry Report

During the month of August, 352 food requests were made, and 907 people were fed--a decrease of 2% from August 2017. Enough food was provided for 16,326 meals.

In September, there were 325 food requests made for 807 people--a 4% decrease from September 2017. 14,526 meals were provided.

Holiday Closings

Veterans' Day, Monday
November 12

Closing at noon
Wednesday, November 21

Thanksgiving, Thursday
November 22 & Friday
November 23

Christmas Eve and
Christmas Day, Monday
December 24 and Tuesday
December 25

Facebook

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

New Volunteers

We'd like to welcome new volunteers Sue Massengill, Tracy Parris, Edie Kendall, and Susan Marcus.



Trader Joe's collecting food for FISH during September



Publix presents FISH with a \$1000 check at their VIP grand opening.

Volunteer Spotlight

Holly Trotter has served as FISH Food Coordinator since August, 2017. She is responsible for ensuring that FISH maintains adequate inventory for normal day to day operations while also supporting other food programs, e.g. Head Start. She is also the primary Fish point of contact for area supermarkets.

Holly and her husband, Jack, were married in December, 2012 and moved to Williamsburg in January, 2013. Holly spent 18 years at Wells Fargo Home Mortgage, specializing in Customer Relations. Jack spent 29 years in the US Army and several more in the IT industry. Holly has two sons and two grandchildren. Jack has three granddaughters.

While Holly and Jack enjoy their active involvement at FISH, they are always on the lookout for personable, good looking, dedicated volunteers to help with the weekly food deliveries. If you're interested in becoming one of "Holly's Gang", which includes several James City Lions and other dedicated volunteers w have made this a weekly commitment, please contact her at hollis.parks@gmail.com.

Weather Policy

FISH will be closed due to inclement weather whenever Williamsburg or James City Public Schools are closed.

When there is a 1 hour or 2 hour delay in Williamsburg or James City Public Schools opening, FISH will open at its regular time.



Jack and Holly Trotter

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

Openings in the Pantry

There are no openings in the pantry at this time.

Important Phone Numbers:

FISH Building:
757-220-9379

Volunteers –

Martha Buell:
757-345-2646

The Closet Report

In August, 334 people were clothed (185 adults and 149 children) for a total of 954 outfits. This was an 15% increase from 2017. In August, a total of 56 households got housewares.

In September, 237 people (144 adults and 93 children) were clothed with 667 outfits. This was a 2% increase from last year. Also in September, 42 households got housewares.