

FISH

The President's Message:

Visit
the FISH Website
<http://williamsburgfish.weebly.com/services.html>

The Pantry Report:

During the month of June, there were 321 requests for 782 recipients for a total of 11,730 meals. Persons fed was down 10% from June 2015.

In July there were 322 requests for 813 recipients for a total of 12,195 meals. Persons fed was down 1% from July 2015.



Greetings,

The next several months will provide great opportunities for FISH. Beginning on August 28, Martin's grocery store will be having their Williamsburg Bag Hunger Campaign. Customers will have the opportunity to round up their bill to the next dollar and the proceeds will go to FISH. The event will end September 10. Spread the word to friends and family.

The Vine and Dine event that was previously scheduled for spring will be held October 22. We are looking for general volunteers for the event. Proceeds will benefit FISH and two other local non-profits. Contact me @tightlines@cox.net if you are interested.

Lastly, we are now participating in Amazon Smile. This is an opportunity for having money donated to FISH when you order from Amazon. Look for details below and on our Facebook page. As always, thank you for all you do!

Gene Bruss.

Important Phone Numbers:

FISH Building: 757-220-9379

Volunteers – Martha Buell: 757-345-2646

Weather Related Closings: 757-220-4249

Special Interest Items

On New Client Forms, please remember that we only need the last four digits of the social security number.

FISH wants to send thank you letters to all donors. When you are volunteering and a donation comes in, please record complete information on a form found in the Donations book located on the shelf behind the desk in the pantry. Be sure you enter an email or mailing address. It is very frustrating and time consuming for one of your fellow volunteers to send a thank you letter if they have to search the web and phone directories for an address.



Does anyone know of a CPA who would audit FISH's financial records pro bono?

Opportunity to help FISH

Amazon makes a donation to FISH with each of your Amazon purchases when you participate in the AmazonSmile program. The link for participation is <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/54-1523058>

amazonsmile
You shop. Amazon gives.



Welcome and Farewell

Welcome to Laura Finley, Agnes St. Laurent and Mary Elizabeth Merriss.

Farewell to Helen Tucker, Bill Borgo, Trish Landen, Kathy Amberger and Bev Ashnault.

Our apologies for misspelling the names of Daisy Quintans, and May Najjar in the last issue.

Since our supplies of clothes and housewares are limited, please don't offer them to those who haven't requested them on their referrals.



In 2015, seventy-four percent of the food distributed by FISH was purchased from Farm Fresh. That amounted to 84,321 pounds. Following food deliveries on Wednesday mornings stock levels are inventoried. Inventory levels are compared to desired stock levels, and the order is placed for the following Wednesday. Ed Dodson coordinates this activity and several volunteers participate. Pictured left to right are Ronnie Lee from Farm Fresh, and FISH volunteers Jim Goldhammer, Barry Hood, Ed Dodson, Dick Young, Lee Foster and Conrad Hopkins. Not pictured are Chetam Annex Navy personnel who also transfer food from the Farm Fresh vehicle to the stock room.

FISH FACTS

Some Friends of FISH believe the majority of food distributed by FISH is donated. However, in 2015 donated food accounted for 17% of the food distributed. Food from the Foodbank accounted for 9% and 74% of the food was purchased from Farm Fresh with donated funds.

The Messmer Community

Service Center will be closed

as follows:

Monday January 18th for Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Monday February 15th for President's Day

Monday May 30th for Memorial Day

Monday July 4th for Independence Day

Monday September 5th for Labor Day

Monday October 10th for Columbus Day

Friday November 11th for Veterans Day

Thursday November 24th & Friday November 25th for Thanksgiving

Monday December 26th for Christmas Day

Monday January 2, 2017 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.

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



The Closet Report:

In June, 854 outfits were provided to 171 adults and 131 children. Housewares were provided to 48 households in June. In June the total number of requests was down 7% from June, 2015. In July 850 outfits were provided to 171 adults and 121 children. Housewares were provided to 39 households in July. The total number of requests in July was down 11% from July 2015. FISH is in need of sheets, pillow cases, blankets and towels.

