



FISH

*The
September-October
2018 Edition*

The President's Message:

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the FISH Website

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

Greetings to all. I hope your summer has been a good one.

Recently, thanks to the hard work of Don Butts, the board has adopted a policy on the shelf life of foods we serve. Several of these documents are posted at FISH. There is one in the notebook in the pantry, one hanging outside the pantry, and one in the food storage area.

Please take a moment to review these documents with your team. It is our goal not to waste food, and we want to be sure the food we are serving is safe for our clients. The document covers all foods that we currently distribute.

On another note, I would like to thank our food shoppers who shop at the Food Bank. At their own expense, these shoppers travel to the Food Bank. They purchase food for the pantry at \$.19 a pound. These trips save FISH thousands of dollars each year.

On a sad note, long time board treasurer Frank Kueser passed away recently. Frank's service and commitment to FISH will long be remembered. Our prayers go out to the Kueser family.

Bob Browning, long time volunteer, is calling it quits. Thank you for your service, Bob.

Lastly, I would like to thank all of you for your service to our organization. Serving our clients with dignity and respect has always been one of our strongest assets. We have received a number of compliments lately regarding our outstanding treatment of our clients. Keep up the good work.

Respectfully,

Gene Bruss

President

The Pantry Report

During the month of June, 313 food requests were made, and 714 people were fed--a decrease of 12% from June 2017. Enough food was provided for 12,852 meals.

In July, there were 339 food requests made for 820 people--a 1% increase from July 2017. 14,760 meals were provided.

RIP Frank Kueser

Francis (Frank) Blaise Kueser died peacefully in early August.

Born in February 3, 1932 in Kansas, he was the treasurer of FISH for over 20 years. His wife,

Lee, served as volunteer coordinator for several years and continues to volunteer in the pantry. Frank will be missed by many in the community.

A FISH Story

A few weeks ago, a group of young boys was touring FISH with Billie. They were very impressed with what they saw and wanted to help those in need. One of the boys recruited his cousin, and the two had a food drive. They combined their allowances and returned with enough food to overflow two grocery carts!

Welcome and Farewell

We'd like to welcome new volunteers Ward Bourn, Rosalie Frey, Abby Knox, and Jeff Teel. Thanks to resigning volunteers Daisy Quintans, Barbara Collum, and Bob Browning.

Special thanks to Bob who retired at the age of 96! He served on the Board of Directors as Data Management Coordinator for 16 years, and more recently was on the Data Entry team. Thanks, Bob!

Kiwanis Club

Members of the Kiwanis Club set up at Harris Teeter to help out FISH. In just one day, they were able to collect \$217.42 in cash donations and 348 bags of groceries!



Kiwanis Club members

Facebook

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

The Messmer Community Service Center will be closed as follows:

Labor Day, Monday
September 3

Columbus Day, Monday
October 8

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

New Year's Eve, Monday
December 31, closing at
noon

When there is a 1 hour or 2 hour opening delay in Williamsburg or James City Public Schools, 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

Openings in the Pantry

At this time, there are no openings in the pantry.

Important Phone Numbers:

FISH Building:
757-220-9379

Volunteers –

Martha Buell:
757-345-2646

The Closet Report

In June, 267 people were clothed (171 adults and 96 children) for a total of 779 outfits. This was an 23% decrease from 2017. In June, a total of 52 households got housewares.

In July, 269 people (146 adults and 123 children) were clothed with 812 outfits. This was an 8% decrease from last year. Also in July, 47 households got housewares.