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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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[HTTPS://WILLIAMSBURGFISH.WEEBLY.COM/](https://williamsburgfish.weebly.com/)

Greetings,

After several months of closure, the board has decided to attempt a reopening of FISH. Many hours of discussion and planning have gone into this difficult decision. The safety of our volunteers has always been our main concern.

We will be opening on September 9, at 12:00 for food only. Our hours will be 12:00-4:00 on Wednesdays and Fridays. Food bags will be prepared ahead of time to allow two person teams to handle the shifts. The same safety protocols will be in place for a contactless food pickup. It is critical that all volunteers follow the safety precautions spelled out by Martha Buell. This includes not reporting in if you don't feel well.

Food donations will be accepted on Thursdays at the clothing donation doorway. This will also be contactless. Food will then be set aside for a period of time before it is packed and distributed.

During our closure, we have contributed over \$30,000 in food to other nonprofits to feed those in need.

It is our hope to be able to deal with clothing in the near future. Face to face contact is not an option the board is willing to explore at this time.

Your board has met by Zoom and in person during this time, and I would like to thank them for their efforts.

Let us hope that this is the beginning of getting back to normal.

Hope you and yours are well.

Blessings.

Gene Bruss

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"WILLIAMSBURG
FISH INC".

RESIGNING VOLUNTEERS

Chris Rehberger (20+
years)

Joan Bower

Mary Kafes (20+ years)

NEW VOLUNTEERS

Peggy Barron

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Contact Martha Buell at
757-345-2646!

Food donations (no clothing or
housewares) can be dropped off between
9:30 & 3 in the alcove at the rear of the
building on Thursdays only!

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

One of our most dedicated volunteers is Jeanne Fulks, who joined FISH in January 2019. After her husband died, she moved to Williamsburg from Frederick, Maryland, to be close to her son and daughter-in-law. When volunteering with her church group (Mount Vernon United Methodist) to size clothes on Tuesdays in July 2018, Jeanne became aware of all that we do in the community. She is now a pantry volunteer, a substitute, a mobile food pantry volunteer and a clothing room volunteer. Once we are fully open, she will work with Billie three days each week in the clothes area. Jeanne also volunteers two Saturdays each month at Proclaiming Grace Outreach Thrift Store in Barhamsville. Jeanne's cat is happy when she is gone for the day and can nap in peace!





Jack Trotter and Dan Fontaine delivering food ordered from Boxed in anticipation of our reopening. Note the expanded food storage area on their left—the old Head Start room.

Jeanne Fulks, Billie Johnston, and Gene Bruss accepting a cash donation from Hickory Neck Church, a longtime supporter of FISH.



4 teenagers who worked on the Monticello Woods 5th Annual Food Drive organized by Martha and Bill Dean.