

FISH

The President's Message:

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the FISH Website

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

The Pantry Report:

During the month of October there were 364 requests for 860 recipients for a total of 12,900 meals. Persons fed was down 29% from October 2014.

In November there were 409 requests for 1,045 recipients for a total of 15,675 meals. Persons fed was down 7% from November 2014.



Friends of FISH,

This is my last "President's Message" and I want to thank you for your support over the past two years. We have made several changes and I hope most of those changes qualify as accomplishments. We will review the changes at the annual meeting on January 7, 2016. I hope to see you then.

Don Butts, President, FISH Board of Directors

Remember to Lock Up

Community Center management reports the main door to Fish from the hallway was found unlocked. Donors report gaining access to the building through the outside doors leading to the clothing work area.

Holiday Closings

January 1st

January 18th



Board Activities:

Treasurer's Report

- In December the Treasurer reported monetary donations were above normal in November resulting in a positive balance for the year to date.

Old Business

November:

The Board approved Martha Buell to fill the vacant Board position. A Nominating Committee continues to identify candidates for four Board positions, as well as candidates for president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer for 2016. Work continues on developing proposed revisions to FISH Policies and Procedures.

Old Business

December:

The nominating committee has chosen four names for Directors for the up-coming ballots.

Cathey is working on the proposed revisions to FISH policies and procedures.

New Business

November:

Ted Cors, who is responsible for public relations for the James City Lions Club, has agreed to submit FISH photos and captions to the VA Gazette.

December:

The Annual Meeting to be held on Jan. 7, 2016 was discussed. Cathey will prepare the ballots. There will be a box in the Pantry for these ballots. Board members were reminded to bring refreshments



Important Phone Numbers:

FISH Building: 757-220-9379

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

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

Neighborhood Assistance Program

Neighborhood Assistance Program (NAP) State tax credits may be available to an individual making a donation of cash to Fish. The NAP state tax credit for an individual is equal to 65 percent of the donation's value. To qualify, individuals must donate at least \$500. The minimum donation requirement must be met between July-December or between January-June. Fish has awarded all available NAP credits for this cycle. We hope to have additional credits available in July 2016.

Other Business

Fish has formed what is hoped to be a long term relationship with Fort McGruder Hotel. We expect to receive donations of about \$1300 from their Thanksgiving Buffet and sheets, blankets and small appliances from their anticipated renovation.

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

Hail and Farewell

Welcome to FISH'S newest volunteer Janet Nelson. Dutch Beckhoff has resigned. Thank you Dutch for over 12 years of service.

The Closet Report:



In October, 840 outfits were provided to 191 adults and 120 children. Housewares were provided to 54 in October. In October the total number of requests was down 26% from October, 2014. In November 1,093 outfits were provided to 251 adults and 177 children. Housewares were provided to 63 in November. The total number of requests in November was down 11% from November 2014. The FISH Closet is in need of boys clothing sizes 4, 6, 8, and 10 and girls clothing sizes 5, 6, 7 and 8.