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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Greetings,

The last two months have seen unprecedented changes in our world. The coronavirus has affected everyone, including FISH. While the board worked together to keep FISH open as long as it could, many factors contributed to the eventual closing of our organization.

We started by being open on a limited schedule with a 'no contact' form of food distribution. We also stopped taking donations of food and clothing to limit risk to our susceptible volunteer population. It quickly became difficult to find volunteers for the pantry.

Another major problem was the supply chain dried up. Grocery stores would no longer fill our orders. This continues to be a problem for nonprofits distributing food who totally rely on donations.

Because we were left with food in our pantry, we decided to donate to St. Olaf's, Salvation Army, and House of Mercy. Many of these organizations have paid staff and have remained open.

When we reopen, we will find it necessary to restock our food supply. I have a feeling that new precautions will be put in place to ensure the safety of our volunteers.

These have been challenging times for all of us as we adjust to a new normal. Let us hope and pray that things will return to some normalcy at FISH. I thank all of you who stepped up during these past weeks. I hope you are all well.

Blessings,

Gene Bruss

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FISH INC".



Knights of Columbus collected food for FISH at St. Bede's Catholic Church.

The Junior Cotillion of Hampton Roads collected food and money for FISH at a recent dance. Gene Bruss (right) receives a donation from Greg and Kay Martin, owners of the Cotillion.



James City County Lions helped with the third Thursday food distribution.

2020 CLOSURES

Memorial Day –
Monday, May 25

Independence Day –
Friday, July 3

Labor Day – Monday,
September 7

Veterans Day –
Wednesday, November
11

Thanksgiving – Noon,
Wednesday, November
25; Thursday,

Christmas – Thursday,
December 24;

Friday, December 25

New Year – Noon,
Thursday, December
31;

Friday, January 1,
2021

FISH will be open on
Columbus Day.

FISH is also closed when the WJCC public schools close for severe weather emergencies. FISH tries to open on time when schools are on a delayed schedule.

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

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