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# NEWS



February 2026

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

February has hearts, flowers, and love all around. And FISH has so much heart in helping other groups.

At FISH, we have been busy weighing every food donation that arrives, since under the "Heart for the Hungry" Food Drive, we will receive \$1,000 from the Greater Williamsburg Outreach Mission/GWOM for tallying 1,000 pounds of food. The food drive is from February 1-28.

On February 13, FISH was honored to be part of Night to Shine, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. Night to Shine is an unforgettable worldwide celebration event, centered on God's love, honoring and valuing people with special needs, ages 14 and older. We were able to outfit 76 honored guests with formal dresses, tuxedos, suits, and accessories at no cost. FISH also supplied snacks for the hardworking volunteers who helped make the evening a success. Thanks to all who participated in this very worthwhile cause. You may enjoy reading more about the evening in the February issue of Next Door Neighbors, page 9.

Also, FISH thanks South of the Border restaurant, next door to our buildings on Second Street, for providing a large enough location for our annual meeting of volunteers. See page 2. Gracias!!

Stay warm, stay safe, and show kindness to someone who needs it today!

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# Acknowledgements and Announcements

## FISH Annual Meeting

This year we met at the **South of the Border** restaurant next door to FISH for our annual meeting of volunteers.

Jill Holroyd, President, highlighted events of the past year and updated us on A New Home for FISH.

Counted ballots revealed that the Board of Directors remains the same. The list may be viewed on our website at: <https://fishwilliamsburg.org/neighbors-helping-neighbors-since-1975/>

We are grateful for caring neighbors such as South of the Border, which has allowed us to use their restaurant and parking lot, when needed.



## Welcome New Volunteers

Amy Pelusa  
Cedar Willson  
Clare Britcher  
Kathanne DePrimo  
Leslie Lowery  
Salvino Carone  
Sandy Zuri  
Shaila Patel



-- Photos courtesy of Tracy Parris,  
Director and Special Events Co-Coordinator

## Williamsburg Craft Beer Festival

**Thank you for voting for FISH!** We were 1 of 4 selected to receive proceeds from the **Williamsburg Craft Beer Festival.**

Save the date:  
April 25, 2026 1:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Jamestown Beach Event Park  
2205 Jamestown Road



## New Facebook Page

Check out our new Facebook page at [Fishwilliamsburg](https://www.facebook.com/Fishwilliamsburg).



## In Memoriam

**Carol Sherman**

We were saddened to learn that Carol Sherman passed away on December 27, 2025. Carol volunteered in the Clothes Closet for over 22 years.

From her obituary: Those wishing to remember Carol with a charitable contribution might consider FISH. <https://fishwilliamsburg.org/donate-to-fish-williamsburg/>

[Full Obituary](#)

# DONATIONS



**Williamsburg Jewelers** is offering **14% OFF** any jewelry purchase, now **through February 21**, any time a guest brings in a food donation or makes a small in-store contribution to FISH.



Linda Whittaker, **Kingsmill PORCH** Community Coordinator, helped volunteer Bob Stanzone load the FISH van with 1,865 pounds of groceries. We are fortunate to have Linda and the entire PORCH community giving us such wonderful support.



A generous volunteer donated 800 **Food Lion** gift cards for \$10 each, allowing clients to purchase more eggs or items we might not have in stock. Our clients are thrilled to have flexibility.



Elise Culp, Kiwanis K-Kids advisor and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at **Stonehouse Elementary**, conducted a food drive for FISH. Thank you!



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We are grateful for the faithful support of the **Colonial Heritage Model Railroad Club**. Richard Little presented Jill Holroyd with a financial gift.



Krystina Collins, League & Social Manager at **CLUBWAKA**, conducted another great food drive for FISH.



Mona Richmond organized a very successful food drive in **Brandon Woods**. Her husband, Eric, and grandson, Keaghan, delivered the 785 pounds of food.

These energetic and fun William & Mary students helped in the Clothes Closet and Food Pantry on MLK Day of Service. Their service was sponsored by the **Opportunity Flourish AmeriCorps Program**. They brightened our day.

- Courtesy of Hannah Tarmy, Maura Rush and Susie van Rijn



Leslie Neely's food drive in her **Monticello Woods** neighborhood was a huge success. Her husband, John, and neighbor, Cindy Crossan, braved the cold weather to bring it to FISH!



-- Maura Rush, VP and Food Donations Coordinator



thank you  
so much

# DONATIONS

## Clothes Closet Receiving Assistance from Community Volunteers

Community Volunteers is a classification of volunteers who are part of an organization or company in our local community. Most of the volunteers are from area churches, but others come from businesses, schools, and social groups. They donate their time to assist the Clothes Closet by preparing clothing items for our clients. Their tasks include inspecting, folding, and labeling clothes for children and adults, rolling socks, or restocking our storage shelves.

The Community Volunteers' schedules vary as much as their tasks. Every Tuesday has morning and afternoon sessions, and on occasion, other days are scheduled. Some volunteers come weekly, some groups come once a month, some come weekly during a designated month, and some come annually. Currently, there are 12 churches helping on a scheduled basis, and both WindsorMeade representatives and WJCC Schools students and staff are coming monthly. Some individuals, who initially came with their organization's scheduled time, continue to volunteer either weekly or monthly.

In January, **WindsorMeade** joined us. This month's featured church is **St. Martin's Episcopal Church**. Future newsletters will feature other Community Volunteers.



WindsorMeade volunteers on the first Tuesday in January were Mary Kafes (who worked with Billie Johnston for 26 years), Holly Hunt, Lifestyles & Wellness Director, and Kathy Webster. Lucy Statler is not pictured.



This month, the volunteer team from St. Martin's was: (sitting L-R) Betsy Pritchard, Carolyn Ramage, and Donna Justus (standing) Asa Allen

-- Cindy Tocci, Director and Clothing Co-Coordinator

*The best way to find yourself is to  
lose yourself in the service of others.*

*-- Gandhi*

# VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

## FISH COUPLES

In the spirit of Cupid, we are recognizing the couples who currently volunteer at FISH. We thank and honor these couples for their service and their compassion for the Williamsburg area community. Many wear multiple hats; some have worked for decades; and FISH benefits from their shared goals and the gift of individual and family time.

*Follow the links for those we've spotlighted in the past.*

Gail and Jim Turi  
Patti and Fred Caccavale  
Cheryl and Gordon Jackson  
Melissa and Bill Magowan  
Cathleen and Mark McNulty  
Jan and Wray Russell  
Paul and Linda Radcliff  
Barbara and Tom Thomason  
Karen and Tony Annoni ([Sept 2023](#))  
Annie and Joe Benedetti ([Sept 2023](#))  
Ken and Mary Alice Joss ([July 2024](#))  
Judy and Mark DePrimo (Judy - [Dec 2024](#))  
Jean and Don Butts (Don - [Feb 2023](#))  
Martha and Bill Dean (Martha - [Jan-Feb 2022](#))  
Maura and Tom Rush (Maura - [Jan-Feb 2022](#))  
Linda and Bob Stanzione (Bob - [Feb 2024](#))

To the couples who have retired from FISH and who remain strong supporters - we miss you and thank you!

Also, we thank the un-sung spouses and friends who help FISH in many ways when most needed!



WELCOME TO FISH WILLIAMSBURG



Long overdue, this soft spotlight is on two volunteers--**Kate Roessler and Dave Banks**--who keep low profiles but who have contributed immensely to FISH with their technical gifts. They co-created the [FISH website](#) in 2022, and Dave manages it along with dozens of websites for other organizations.

Kate has devoted endless hours to the graphic design of hardcopy and electronic materials for FISH. We benefit from her experience with university Alumni and Development departments here and abroad.

Thank you both for helping put FISH on the map!