



# FISH Newsletter

*Baby, It's Cold Outside!*



**Febrrruary 2011**

**Making the World a Better Place**  
***One Can at a Time!***

On a cold and snowy Tuesday in January, FISH Food Pantry had a surprisingly heartwarming delivery from a young girl and her mother. Peyton Medick of Westin, WI has been on a mission since the age of eight. She learned from a news story that children, just like her, go to bed hungry and told her Mom they needed to find a way to fix it. Four years later, she is still passionate about fighting local hunger and childhood obesity. Peyton was in McHenry visiting her cousin, Mary Tomlinson, a first grade teacher at Valley View Elementary School. Her goal was to inspire other students to carry out her mission. So far she has collected nearly 30 tons of food to date! You can read more about Peyton's Promise at [www.peytonspromise.org](http://www.peytonspromise.org).

*Thank you, Peyton, for all of your efforts & for setting a great example to all!*



## Catch of the Day! **The Blizzard of 2011!**



### **Meet JoAnn...**

JoAnn has been a dedicated volunteer at FISH for the past seven years. She feels very close to the clients and enjoys visiting with them while they choose their pantry items. She also loves working as a team with all of the volunteers and claims that her "therapy" each week is stocking her shelves! JoAnn is a member of St. Mary's Church in McHenry and is very proud of her parish and overwhelmed by their generosity to FISH even during these hard economic times.

*Thank You, JoAnn,  
"Our Queen of Hearts"  
at FISH!*

February in McHenry got off to a "frosty" start along with a few snow days for all to snuggle in and enjoy! As the temperature outside continues to drop, sadly, the lines at the food pantry have not. Even though the economy is *suppose* to be improving, FISH is helping more families than ever. We are currently serving an average of 20% more families each month over last year. This is the time of year that food drives are down and the pantry shelves begin to get bare as well.

FISH is so thankful that we are able to help our neighbors in need because of the generous donors that continue to contribute to those less fortunate. We are especially grateful to the many local churches, schools, organizations and businesses who faithfully continue to support us in our effort to fight hunger in our community. We are blessed to have so much support.

*A heartfelt thank you to all of you!*



**In December of 2010 & January of 2011**

**FISH helped a total of:**

**1058 Families**

**2004 Adults**

**1467 Children**

**\$12,800 Vouchers**

**\$5,000 Meijer Gift Cards**

**4456 Bags of Food**



**The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**9:00 – 11:30am**

**in the McHenry Township Bldg.**

**3703 N. Richmond Road,**

**(Rt. 31) rear lower level.**

*Please contact FISH at:*

**815-344-4717**

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**FISH of McHenry**

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