

# FISH Newsletter



## FISH Bids Fond Farewell to Our "Sweet Jim"



Summer came to an end with the sad news of the loss of one of our dear FISH family members, Jim Boarini. Jim was known as our "Sweets" volunteer, in charge of handing out all of the baked goods donated from local grocery stores, Aldi, Jewel & Walmart. His station was always a favorite stop for our clients, many greeting him with a big smile and often an even bigger hug. One of Jim's greatest joys was seeing a child's face light up as he handed them a big cake, a giant box of donuts or a bag of yummy cookies.

We were also very fortunate to have his daughter, Kathy, (shown at right), help at the pantry this past summer, working along side her Dad and keeping his shelves filled with sweet treats. Thanks so much for your time too, Kathy!



Jim would have turned 92 on October 12<sup>th</sup>. He was loved by volunteers & clients alike & will be remembered for being as sweet as the treats he gave away. We will all miss you, Jim!

Jim had been a dedicated volunteer at FISH of McHenry Food Pantry for over 15 years. Here he is shown in his famous "Sweets Corner."



Each Holiday Meal Box costs FISH just \$16 & feeds up to 8 people – the equivalent of only \$2 per person.

## All FISH Families Offered Thanksgiving Meals!

Hunger is an overlooked issue in our communities, partly because our hungry neighbors often look just like anyone else. A colleague at work, your child's best friend, or your next door neighbor could be facing tough decisions between paying bills or buying food. Once again, FISH will be offering each household 2 choices of a complete holiday meal for Thanksgiving. Through our partnership with Northern Illinois Food Bank, we can obtain a frozen 12-14 lb. turkey plus a pre-packed box that includes all of the trimmings for an entire holiday meal. Each Holiday Meal Box is valued at over \$40 but FISH of McHenry's cost is just \$16. As another meal option for clients, we have also purchased 2 lb. white meat turkey roasts which also will include all of the fixings for an entire meal. **Please get into the spirit of giving & help us provide holiday meals for our hungry neighbors by donating at [www.fishofmchenry.org](http://www.fishofmchenry.org).**



Students of Johnsburg High School C.A.R.E.S. Club borrowed cans of food from FISH to create this clever and "Spooktacular" display for their Halloween food drive. We thank you for your support and hope the food drive is a haunting success!



Now that's something to GOBBLE about!

The Food Pantry is open on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
**9:00 – 11:30am**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month**  
**4:30pm – 6:30pm**  
 3515 N. Richmond Road (Rt. 31)  
 Behind the McHenry Moose Lodge & across from the McHenry Township Senior Center

Please contact FISH at:

**815-344-4717**

Mail donations to:

**FISH of McHenry**  
**P.O. Box 282**  
**McHenry, IL 60051**  
[www.fishofmchenry.org](http://www.fishofmchenry.org)



FISH is partnered with:



Remember, one meal makes a difference.



Harvest time is here! Local retailers & businesses will be collecting during October & November for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Food & Funds Drive hosted by the McHenry Area Chamber of Commerce. All proceeds will benefit FISH of McHenry!

For more info call the Chamber office at 815-385-4300 or contact Lisa @LGCowger@Comcast.net.



Look for boxes displaying the logo above to donate!