



FISH Newsletter



October 2020

2020: A Crazy, Spooky Year for All!

Masks...not just for Halloween anymore!

In July 2020
FISH served
439 Households

August 2020
418 Households

September 2020
460 Households

Wildfires, plane crashes, political tensions, hurricanes, social unrest, insect invasions, overcrowded hospitals, PPE shortages, businesses closing, unemployment rising, tornadoes, peaceful protests, violent protests, massive explosions, grocery shortages, schools teaching remotely, food insecurity, quarantining, families isolated from loved ones. All lurking under the dark cloud of a world-wide pandemic virus named COVID-19. Many of these topics sound like the premise of a horror or disaster movie. The year 2020 has certainly presented our lives with many challenges and we have all had to adapt in ways we never knew we could. While we miss our many FISH volunteers that cannot work with us now, we are grateful for the dedicated volunteers that are doing their best to stay resilient and carry on our passion of helping our less fortunate neighbors in need.

We can get through this and we'll do it together!

As the farmers continue to gather their harvest from the fields, we brace ourselves for the cold winter season and the many new challenges that may lie ahead. The directors at FISH are already planning for the busy upcoming holidays. We hope that you will consider choosing FISH of McHenry Food Pantry when making your charitable gift this holiday season knowing that 100% of your gift goes back to those in need in our community!



Since March 2020, FISH has been serving our guests in a drive through format. Each household receives a loaded cart that includes milk, eggs, fresh produce, dairy products, frozen meats, bakery goods, dry & canned goods, frozen foods, household and personal care products, toilet paper, and snacks. We are trying our best to keep many basic items in stock so we can be as generous as possible.



Thanksgiving Meals Provide Comfort Food for Difficult Times



Each Holiday Meal Box costs FISH \$16 and feeds up to 8 people which is the equivalent of just \$2 per person for an entire turkey dinner!

FISH will be offering all of our families a complete holiday meal for Thanksgiving. Through our partnership with the Northern Illinois Food Bank, we can obtain a 12-14 lb. turkey with all the trimmings for a complete holiday meal at a fraction of the retail cost. Each Holiday Box is valued at over \$40 but our cost is only \$16. We have also purchased 3 lb. turkey breast roasts that will include a bag with side dishes as an option for our smaller households. If you would like to help us provide holiday meals to our hungry neighbors this holiday season, please go to our website at www.fishofmchenry.org!

The Food Pantry is open on
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:00 – 11:30am
3rd 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

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