

FISH Newsletter



December 2020



Hope
PEACE
Comfort
Kindness
LAUGHTER
Family
JOY



All We Want For Christmas...

This is one year that we all need to truly Believe in the Spirit of Christmas and embrace the gifts that we hold dearly.

Giving gifts at Christmas has been a time-honored tradition for centuries. While this past year presented us with a whole new list of challenges, it also made us reflect on the precious gifts that cannot be purchased. Love, family, friends, peace, kindness, joy.

As 2020 comes to an end, we can look forward to a New Year filled with Hope. Hope for joyful gatherings once again with families and friends, Hope for businesses to begin to bounce back and job opportunities start to rise, Hope for schools to reopen so that students can get back to regular schedules, Hope for a vaccine that will help us get back to somewhat of a sense of normalcy again.

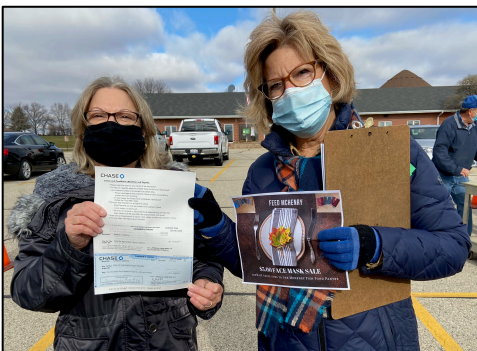
The directors of FISH of McHenry feel honored to have witnessed the kindness and tremendous outpouring of support this past year. *We believe in the spirit of a community that comes together when help is needed & grateful for the generosity of our donors!*

Give the gift of HOPE by Helping Other People Eat!

FISH of McHenry Food Pantry was able to distribute nearly 600 Thanksgiving Meals to needy families in November. We plan to distribute the same amount of Holiday Ham Meals, with side dishes, for Christmas. In lieu of gifts for family and friends this holiday season, you might wish to consider making a donation to FISH of McHenry to help hungry neighbors in need in our community. For a minimum donation of \$25 per honoree, FISH will send a full color 5 x 7 "HOPE" Holiday Card to the recipient of your choice. Donations can be sent to our PO Box listed below or online through our website at www.fishofmchenry.org. Please be sure to include the name of your honoree along with all mailing information.



'Tis the Season of Giving & Holiday Hope Cards are the Gift that will keep on Giving!



You may contact Karen to purchase masks for \$5 each at klg1jbg5@gmail.com

Thankful, Grateful, Blessed

A very special *Thank You* to Karen Grippo! Karen is an employee of Buss Ford in McHenry and decided to make and sell face masks for \$5 each and giving all of her proceeds to FISH of McHenry. Buss Ford sponsored her by paying for all materials. Last week, Karen presented a check to director, Sue Kapraun, in the amount of \$1100. All masks are of very nice quality and, also reversible. Thank you, Karen, for this kind gesture and for being our surprise little "Elf" this Holiday Season!

THANK YOU to our wonderful volunteers who continue to show up and devote many hours of their time & energy each week. Giving of one's self is the true spirit of the Holiday Season and we are grateful for your dedication! To our many volunteers that cannot be with us right now, please know how much we miss you and think of you so often. We hope to see you next year! A very Merry FISHmas to all!



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

9:00am - 11:30am
3rd Tuesday of each month
4:30pm - 6:30pm

3515 N. Richmond Rd. (Rt. 31)
Behind the McHenry Moose Lodge & across from the McHenry Township Senior Center

Please contact FISH at:
815-344-4717

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