

FISH Newsletter

April 2020

Wash Your Hands...Stay Home...Practice Social FISHtancing...Stay Safe!

We are a Community that Comes Together!



*To all of our wonderful volunteers who cannot work with us at this time, **WE MISS YOU SO MUCH!** We will be so happy to see your smiling faces and have you back as part of our FISH Family! Just remember that we are together in spirit & hope to see you in May!*

We are all in this together as we try to navigate our way through such uncharted waters during these uncertain times. Just as the rest of the world, we at FISH of McHenry have scrambled over the past few weeks to adapt to a whole new way of life as we once knew it and have completely changed our normal procedures at the food pantry. Guests are no longer allowed to enter the pantry and are served on a drive-up basis with very generous amounts of pre-packed food. Our waiting and shopping areas have been replaced with workstations for packing orders. Volunteers are taking extra safety precautions and working at distances.



Even in ordinary times, food insecurity in American households is an important problem, and unfortunately COVID-19 is amplifying that stress significantly. We cannot predict how long this will go on in our country or our community but know that millions of Americans will be turning to food pantries during this time. We are doing our best at FISH of McHenry to remain open to serve anyone in need of food during these challenging months. The outpouring of support we are receiving has been overwhelming! It is truly humbling reading the notes donors send in with their contributions these days. Our hearts are literally exploding with gratitude! ❤️

In **2020** FISH has served
569 Households in **January**
485 Households in **February**
497 Households in **March**
and will continue to serve for as long as we are able!

As we are all learning, this is a strange, scary, frustrating and often distressing experience when the presence of family and friends is no longer possible and the normal structures of life are suddenly removed. We have never experienced anything quite like this in our lifetime but will continue to remain hopeful for light at the end of this very long tunnel. **WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS TOGETHER.**

The Food Pantry is open on
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:00am – 11:30am
3rd Tuesday of the month
4:30pm – 6:30pm



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

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