



FISH Newsletter

Holiday 2022

FISH of McHenry 1973 – 2023 Nourishing Hope ~ Food for today, Hope for tomorrow

A Golden Opportunity!

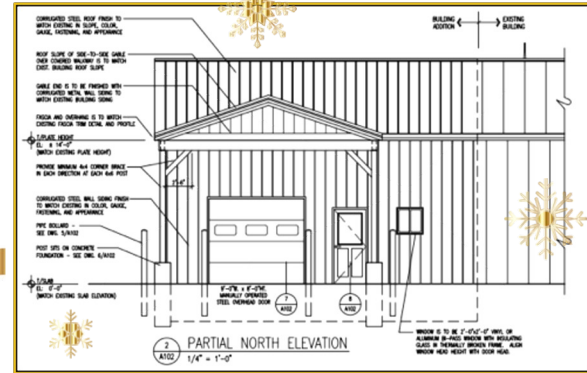
FISH of McHenry Food Pantry is proud to announce that we will experience a major milestone in the New Year of 2023! For 50 years, we have been serving the less fortunate in our community who struggle with food insecurity. FISH started its humble beginnings in a small garage in 1973 and was organized by a few local women who saw the need for hunger relief in the McHenry area. Over the years, we have distributed out of temporary locations with changes in staff, but always with the same mission, to assist in reducing hunger and responding with compassion to the needs of families and persons in crisis. Since the CoVid-19 pandemic began in March of 2020, we have been serving our guests outdoors in a drive-up model. We purchased and installed a used tent to provide “temporary shelter” for our volunteers and the pre-packed carts filled with food waiting to be loaded into cars. After 2-1/2 years of being ripped from blustery winds, pelted with rain and dumped on with snow, our “temporary tent” has become quite tattered!



Our tough & fearless Outdoor Crew serving Holiday Meals! We appreciate your hard work, Tom, Denny, Tom & Rich!

GoldFISH Campaign

The directors knew it was time to take a giant leap to build a more permanent space that would provide additional storage and protection for our volunteers from the outdoor elements. Our goal is to raise funds to build a 900 SF addition that will allow us to serve our guests more efficiently in a safe and secure environment. If you would like to help us reach our goal for this project, please specify that your contribution is for the FISH of McHenry GoldFISH Campaign. We have always been blessed with an abundance of support from our community and feel this is a great way to honor our Golden 50th Anniversary!



900 SF proposed addition to east side of current building

We Thank Our Lucky Stars!

The Holiday Season is upon us and this is the time of year we recognize and thank our

Incredible Volunteers!!!

Serving 500+ households each month would not be possible without the help of more than 50 dedicated & enthusiastic volunteers who work as a team each week to fill orders & carts, load cars, stock inventory, pick up at grocery stores, unload deliveries, sort & date code, bag produce, bag toilet paper, break down cardboard, etc. Everyone has a job of equal importance!



HELPING OTHER PEOPLE EAT

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)

Please contact FISH at:

815-344-4717

Mail donations to:

FISH of McHenry
P.O. Box 282

McHenry, IL 60051

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FISH is partnered with:



We are thankful for each of you!
Happy Holidays to all!



In November 2022
FISH served a whopping total of
612 Households!!!

That is over 100 more households than we typically serve each month! We were so grateful that we did not run out of turkeys before Thanksgiving! FISH expects to serve the same number of guests in December. All will also be offered Ham Holiday Meals for Christmas.
HO HO HO!!!