

FISH Newsletter



A Fond Farewell to "Birdhouse Bill"

Bill Fenwick began painting and selling small bird houses after a heart attack in June of 2014. He was 86 years old and was always a lover of birds. Painting the little birdhouses - almost always adorned with multi-colored flowers - helped him get through the months of weakened health. Bill painted daily at his kitchen table and got stronger. He decided to sell his fancy birdhouses, dedicating the proceeds to feeding those in the community who relied on assistance. With renewed health and a new life-purpose, more of his birdhouses made their way through McHenry and surrounding towns, FISH of McHenry Food Pantry always the recipient of his efforts. The quote on his business card was one of Mother Teresa's:

"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."

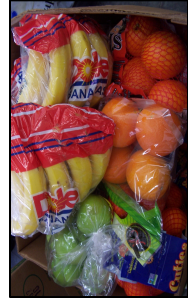
Bill Fenwick passed away April 20th at 88 years of age. All of the volunteers at FISH of McHenry Food Pantry wish to extend our deepest sympathies to the Fenwick family and feel so blessed to have been the recipients of the humble earnings from this kind and gentle soul. We thank you, Bill, and hope that you are resting in peace surrounded by the cheerful songs of many fine feathered friends.



Earlier this Spring, the 2nd grade classes at Riverwood Elementary School in McHenry used education as a way to give back to the community. Teacher, Jennifer DeBlok, along with the other 2nd grade teachers, organized the Peapod project as a way to teach their students about healthy living, money management & helping the community. The Peapod delivery included beautiful fresh produce, whole grain breads, dairy products, healthy snacks for kids and much more all hand-picked by each classroom. The students & teachers also visited the pantry for a special tour to see how we collect, store and distribute our food. Thanks to all of the 2nd grade classes for using a great lesson to help our neighbors in need!



Riverwood Students Give Back with Peapod Project!

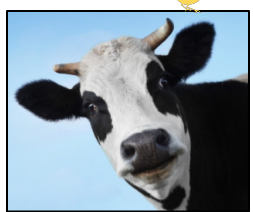


In March 2016
FISH served a total of:
730 Households
2431 People & over
5840 Bags of Food

In April 2016
FISH served a total of:
556 Households
1849 People & over
4448 Bags of Food

In May 2016
FISH served a total of:
653 Households
2121 People & over
5224 Bags of Food

got milk?



Yes, we do.....& Eggs too!

We are excited to announce that FISH of McHenry will now be offering 1 gallon of 1% Milk and 1 dozen fresh Eggs to each household every month. We will be receiving weekly deliveries direct from the dairy farm. One \$25 donation can purchase enough milk & eggs for 10 households. We are so grateful for the many continued donations we receive all year long from our loyal donors that allow us to provide these nutritious dairy products to our clients!



FISH volunteer, Bruce, fills a pantry order on our first day of offering milk & eggs.

The Food Pantry is open on
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:00am – 11:30am
3rd Tuesday each month
4:30pm – 6:30 pm
3515 N. Richmond Rd. (Rt. 31)

Please contact FISH at:
815-344-4717

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