

FISH Newsletter



Wishing You a Very Merry FISHmas!

Holiday 2015



We Salute Our Wonderful Volunteers!

It's the Holiday Season and time to reflect and give thanks to the many volunteers that keep our pantry operating. FISH is proud to announce that we have over 75 volunteers that put in many hours of selfless hard work each week serving those less fortunate. Not only do we provide food for our clients but also a smile, a little joy and sometimes a much needed hug. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated team of helpers!

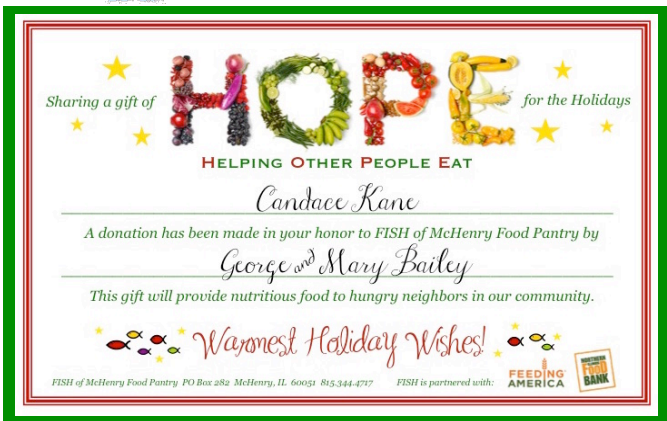
Work for a cause, not applause. Live life to express, not to impress. Don't strive to make your presence noticed, just make your absence felt. Unknown



Give the Gift of HOPE for the Holidays Help Other People Eat

While most of us prepare for a joyful holiday, many families are struggling to secure food, shelter and most of all, HOPE. In lieu of gifts for family and friends this holiday season, you might wish to consider making a donation to FISH of McHenry Food Pantry to help hungry neighbors in our community. We will send a specially designed "HOPE" holiday card, just like the example shown below, to notify your honoree of the gift.

For a **minimum \$25 donation per honoree**, FISH will be happy to send a full color 5 x 7 "HOPE" holiday card to the recipient of your choice. One \$25 donation will be providing \$200 worth of items & groceries, purchased by FISH from the Northern IL Food Bank, to serve to our less fortunate neighbors in need. Donations can be sent to our PO Box listed below or made online through our website at www.fishofmchenry.org. **Donate** Please include the exact spelling of your honoree along with their mailing information.



Thanks to our generous donors and great community, FISH distributed over **600 Holiday Meals** to local families this year! All clients served within the 5 weeks before Thanksgiving went home with a complete holiday dinner.

Special thanks to **Faith Presbyterian Church & Jewel in McHenry** for also donating Thanksgiving Meals to our FISH families! Additionally, we plan to give out over **700 Holiday Bags** for the Christmas Season filled with goodies along with a choice of specialty meats.

In November of 2015
FISH served a total of
624 Households
2102 Individuals
Over **4500 Bags of Food** distributed!



Peace on Earth & Food for All!
Many thanks to all of the local schools, clubs, churches, businesses and organizations who have climbed on board and hosted food drives these past few months! Our families are grateful to have so many choices to share over the holidays.



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**

Mail donations to:
FISH of McHenry
P.O. Box 282
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www.fishofmchenry.org

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