

# FISH Newsletter

## H.O.P.E. for the Holidays!

### Helping Other People Eat

When you think of Thanksgiving, what comes to mind? Perhaps the image of an American family gathered around the dinner table similar to the famous Norman Rockwell painting from his Four Freedoms series of the early 1940's? Or is it the familiar smells of a perfectly roasted turkey surrounded by all of your favorite side dishes served only on that special day? Maybe the sound of laughter as loved ones enjoy the delicious offerings of the day?

Thanks to our generous and loyal supporters, our FISH clients will also be able to reminisce fondly when thinking of Thanksgiving 2013. Many of them have already expressed how grateful they were to have been given a warm meal to share with their families this year.

*We are proud to announce that FISH of McHenry was able to distribute a total of 655 Holiday Meals. All clients served within the 5 weeks before Thanksgiving went home with the entire fixings for a complete Thanksgiving dinner! We are also giving out 600 Holiday Bags for Christmas with goodies to "Celebrate the Season" along with a choice of a specialty meat such as a ham or turkey roast.*



"Freedom from Want"  
aka "The Thanksgiving Picture"  
Norman Rockwell ~ 1943

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### Fa La La La La...

'Tis the season to be jolly!  
The many donations & food drives from local schools, organizations & churches we received helped us spread more holiday cheer this season!

**We Thank You All!**



### FISH has served a total of:

#### September of 2013

572 Households  
1850 Individuals

#### October of 2013

707 Households  
2343 Individuals

#### November of 2013

596 Households  
1942 Individuals

and distributed a total of over  
**11,250 Bags of Food!**

Special thanks to  
Faith Presbyterian Church &  
Jewel of McHenry  
for also donating  
Thanksgiving Meals to FISH!



## Do You Know What I Know?

Just what does it actually take to keep FISH of McHenry open each week? Because we are an all volunteer service organization & operate solely on donations of money & goods, it takes many hands & many hours of dedicated service to keep our pantry up & running! Currently we have over 60 volunteers that work an incredibly generous combined total of over 250 hours each week! Volunteer jobs include managing our facility, placing weekly orders from Northern IL Food Bank (also checking in & unloading those weekly orders!), writing thank you notes to donors, filling pantry orders, breaking down boxes, escorting clients, stocking pantry shelves, unloading food drive deliveries, sorting food, date-coding food, managing financial income & expenses, recording client visits, registering new clients, picking up food drives & grocery store donations, creating pantry forms, signs & handouts, sending out promotional material, maintaining the FISH website & attending events to promote FISH of McHenry. We are so blessed to have our loyal "FISH Family" & wish all of our wonderful volunteers a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!



**We Wish You a Merry FISHmas!**

The Food Pantry is open on  
**Tuesdays & Thursdays**  
**9:00 – 11:30am**  
3515 N. Richmond Rd. (Rt. 31)  
Behind the McHenry Moose Lodge &  
across from the Senior Center

Please contact FISH at:

**815-344-4717**

Mail donations to:

**FISH of McHenry**  
**P.O. Box 282**  
**McHenry, IL 60051**

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