



# FISH Newsletter



**We Wish You a Merry FISHmas!**



**Holiday 2012**

*It takes many hands to help put food on the plates of our hungry, less fortunate neighbors. FISH would like to thank our wonderful staff of over 35 dedicated volunteers who keep our pantry operating each week. You are each shining stars! Happy Holidays to all!*

**Give the gift of**



**for the holidays**

## Help Other People Eat

**FISH of McHenry Food Pantry is encouraging the gift of food to celebrate hope. Honor your friends and family this holiday season by giving the gift of food to those struggling with hunger in our community. A little hope can make a BIG difference!**

### *Many Reasons to be Thankful!*

Thanksgiving set a record for FISH of McHenry Food Pantry. We served over 235 families in one week which is still hard to believe and made for very long days! Thanks to the extra time and efforts of all of our volunteers! Typically, we serve on average between 100-125 families per week but our numbers have been up approximately 32% from last year. FISH was also able to distribute 350 Large and 275 Small Holiday Meal Boxes for Thanksgiving dinners this year. Special recognition and thanks also to Jewel in McHenry for donating several prepared and complete Turkey Dinners for our clients!

*The generous donations and many food drives from local organizations, schools and churches we received helped us put the "Giving" in Thanksgiving!*

### **\$\$\$ How far we can stre-----tch your Dollar? \$\$\$**

#### **\$25.00 goes a long way!**

These shelves display grocery items purchased by FISH Food Pantry from the Northern Illinois Food Bank for a total cost of just \$25.00!

**Included in the total is:**

- 5 lbs. of Frozen Meat
- Name-brand Grocery Items
- Paper Products
- Health/Personal Care Items
- Cleaning Products
- Baby Diapers

*See the Difference on our Shelves!  
Funds over Food can really pay off!*

Donating is as easy as the click of a button! Please visit our website at:

[www.fishofmchenry.org](http://www.fishofmchenry.org)



**September of 2012**  
FISH helped a total of:

**547 Families**  
**1750 People**

**October of 2012**  
FISH helped a total of:

**622 Families**  
**2065 People**

*On average, families are now given at least 5 - 6 generous bags of food which is equivalent to approximately*  
**5845 - 7014 Bags of Food!**

The Food Pantry is open on  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
**9:00 - 11:30am**

3515 N. Richmond Road (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**  
[www.fishofmchenry.org](http://www.fishofmchenry.org)

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