

FISH Newsletter



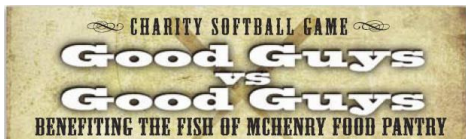
October 2009

Turning Over a New Leaf

FISH Food Pantry has been operating for the past 30 years out of various locations throughout McHenry. Currently we are serving over 400 families a month out of the 1200 sf basement of the township building and storing food in an off-site storage facility just a few miles away. Since the transition of leadership this past summer, we have been working on a new approach so that no child or adult in our community has to go hungry.



Our recent partnership with the Northern Illinois Food Bank has allowed us to participate in the (EFP) Emergency Food Program (*offering free commodities of fresh & frozen foods*) in addition to also purchasing food at a price of \$.14 /lb. It has been a wonderful opportunity for us to give a little more to our clients during these tough times. The volunteers at FISH continue to work together to feed our disadvantaged neighbors in need!



Good Guys Win Again!

Thank you to all of the "Good Guys" (*and Gals*) who participated in the Charity Softball game. FISH would also like to extend a special thank you to Doug Peterson for his wonderful enthusiasm and organizational skills as the event coordinator. The evening was a great old-fashioned fun time for the entire family and raised over \$3000.00 for FISH of McHenry Food Pantry. **Way to Go Team!**

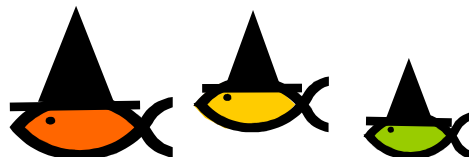
Thank you to our many local schools, churches and organizations for the recent fall food drives. Please visit our updated website for fun food drive theme ideas including the top 10 items most needed by the pantry.

www.fishofmchenry.org



GIVE A HOOT!

Please remember to check for expiration dates before donating to food drives. Thousands of pounds of expired food must be disposed of after we receive the donations each month!



Best FISH witches for a Happy Halloween!

Upcoming Events! **Foxtoberfest 2009!**

**October 11th 2pm- 6pm @
After the Fox Restaurant**

Riverside Dr. McHenry, IL
Presented by the CAL Committee
German Food, Raffles & German
Style Band \$5.00 Donation
All proceeds will benefit FISH!

In September of 2009,

FISH Volunteers helped:

407 Families

735 Adults

578 Children

\$5035.00 Vouchers

1746 Bags of Food

CHILLING NEWS!

FISH has some "frightfully cool" news to share! We recently purchased a residential freezer and refrigerator for the pantry so that we can access the great quantities of free fresh and frozen food offered from NIFB. An additional freezer was also donated by a township employee.

Thank you Grand Appliance in Crystal Lake for giving us a break on the freezer plus free delivery!

The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 – 11:30am in the McHenry Township Bldg. 3703 N. Richmond Road, (Rt. 31) rear lower level.

Please contact FISH at:

815-344-4717

Mail donations to:

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