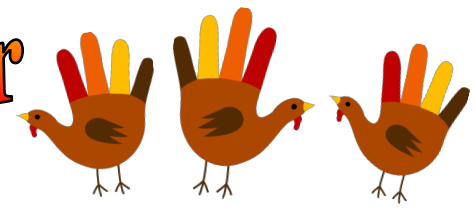


# FISH Newsletter

*"With every deed you are sowing a seed,  
though the harvest you may not see."*

*Ella Wheeler Wilcox*



**November 2021**

## **Gobble, Gobble! Give Thanks and Give Back!**

As farmers are nearly done gathering their harvest from the fields, we at FISH of McHenry have begun distributing complete Thanksgiving Meals to anyone in need this holiday season. Each household, regardless of the size, is offered the choice of a whole Turkey Dinner or a Turkey Breast Dinner with all of the sides including a bag of russet potatoes and a bag of sweet potatoes. We will also be offering Holiday Meals that will include a Christmas Ham with similar side dishes. It is only because of our loyal and generous donors that we are able to offer these holiday meals that will bring a comforting meal to the many families struggling to make ends meet. We hope that you will consider choosing FISH of McHenry Food Pantry when making your charitable gift this holiday season knowing that 100% of your gift goes back to those in need in our community!



*Each Holiday Meal Box is valued over \$40 but we are able to purchase a whole Turkey Dinner for \$18 & a Turkey Breast (Bone-In) Dinner for \$15 per dinner from Northern Illinois Food Bank!*

Since March 2020, FISH has been serving guests in a drive-through format. The directors made the difficult decision to continue serving outdoors into 2022 even though it means that our volunteers will have to brave the cold during the harsh winter months. Our main concern is for the safety of our volunteers and guests as this pandemic has progressed much longer than any of us expected. However, we are now distributing shopping lists to guests in each car. We have received a great deal of positive feedback since they can check off the items they would like each month rather than receiving a pre-packed cart of things they may not need or want. In addition, we have expanded our list to include fresh produce each week. Dairy products such as milk, eggs, butter, cottage cheese, sour cream and yogurt are also available on a weekly basis. All of these items are purchased from outside sources if they are not available through our weekly order from Northern Illinois Food Bank.

## **Heartfelt Thanks for a Harvest of Warm Hats!**



*Diane & her husband delivering hats to FISH in October*

We would like to extend a very Special Thank You to Diane Himpelmann for her generous donation of 375 handmade fleece hats to the food pantry. Diane has delivered her hats a few times over the past 2 years but this was the largest donation to date! Each of the hats include labels with sizes and also come in a variety of colors and patterns ranging from babies to adults. They have been a welcome addition for our clients to choose, especially now that the colder weather is arriving soon. Thank you, Diane, for taking the time to use your talent to help those in need of a cozy cap to keep them a little warmer this winter!

*Your Kindness is greatly appreciated!*

**FISH of McHenry has served:**

**In August 2021:  
347 Households  
September 2021:  
352 Households  
October 2021:  
345 Households**

The Food Pantry is open on  
**Tuesdays and Thursdays**  
**9:00 – 11:30am**  
**3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month**  
**4:30pm – 6:30pm**  
3515 N. Richmond Road (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**  
**McHenry, IL 60051**  
[www.fishofmchenry.org](http://www.fishofmchenry.org)

FISH is partnered with:  

**Count Your Blessings Everyday and Happy Thanksgiving from All of Us at FISH of McHenry!**

