

FISH Newsletter

Autumn 2023

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FISH FOOD PANTRY
2023 ADDITION!



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As the end of the year approaches, we take time to reflect on the months that have passed by, and gratitude is something that many of us ponder. Thanksgiving is a time to look around and count all our blessings. This year, we are “stuffing” our newsletter with thanks for all the wonderful support we received from our community for our new addition. The banner to the left is a list of those who donated materials, labor, or in some cases both, to help complete our huge project. We are so pleased with the extra storage and the additional square footage allows for a much more efficient flow when filling orders and sending carts out for distribution. We are profoundly grateful for all our generous donors because you make our work here at FISH Food Pantry both possible and, most of all, meaningful.

**Special Thanks,
Barb Pierce**



On a sad note, we had to bid farewell to former FISH of McHenry Pantry Director, Barb Pierce. Barb started volunteering at the pantry and then became a Director for over 20 years until her retirement in 2009. Barb continued to stop by the pantry to visit, always showing up with a smile on her face and a story to tell.

We thank Barb for her tireless commitment to help others in need & wish to extend our sincere and deepest condolences to her family from all of us at FISH Food Pantry.

Together We Gather...



Gathering with family and friends typically comes to mind most often when thinking about the upcoming holidays. Sadly, with the rising costs of groceries these days, a festive meal just may not be in the budget for many families this year. We are grateful to say that FISH Food Pantry will be offering every household that comes to visit our pantry a complete meal for both the Thanksgiving & Christmas holidays. Through our partnership with the Northern Illinois Food Bank, we are purchasing frozen turkeys & hams that will also include a pre-packed box with all the trimmings for an entire holiday meal and bags of fresh russet and sweet potatoes.



Each Holiday Meal Box is valued at over \$40 but our cost is a great value at just \$20. Our goal this year is to purchase 675 Turkey Meals for Thanksgiving & 675 Ham Meals for Christmas so that we will have plenty for the many individuals & families we continue to serve each month. Due to an increase in households coming to our pantry for help, we have added 175 more Holiday Meal Boxes to our order this year than what was purchased last year in 2022.



Please get into the Spirit of Giving & help us provide Holiday Meals for our hungry neighbors in need this holiday season by making your donation today at www.fishofmchenry.org

FISH served in:
September
667 Households
October
756 Households



The Food Pantry is open on
Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:00am – 11:30am
3rd Tuesday of the month
4:30pm – 6:30pm
3515 N. Richmond Rd. (Rt. 31)

Please contact FISH at:

815-344-4717

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