

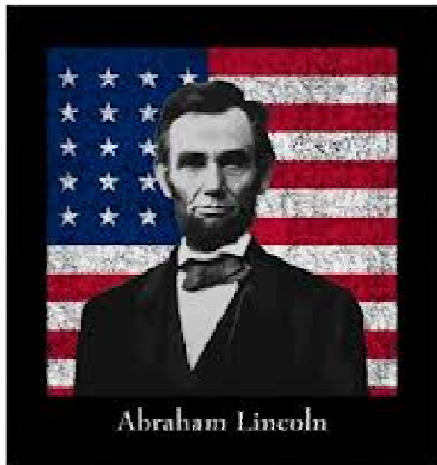
"Fourscore and seven years ago our fathers brought forth on this continent, a new nation conceived in Liberty, and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal." A. Lincoln

FISH Newsletter



Of the People, for the people, by the people...

Febrrruary 2013



Abraham Lincoln

Abraham Lincoln, the 16th president of the United States, is known by scholars and historians to have been one of the most influential political leaders of all time. He was a man of great integrity who dedicated his life to treating others as his equal, with the utmost respect. This was portrayed in his constant battle for the equality of all people, regardless of race, religion or political differences.

The people who come to FISH in their time of need are friends and neighbors; the single parent who just lost her job, low-income families with children, the unemployed and underemployed, disabled individuals, seniors, the chronically ill, and the homeless. Everyone has a story of their own personal struggles. Our mission at FISH is to treat our clients equally, with kindness and respect, and hope they leave our pantry with a greater sense of dignity. We are grateful for the people who help us reach this goal working together for our fellow mankind.

"We can complain because rose bushes have thorns, or rejoice because thorn bushes have roses." ~ Abraham Lincoln



Catch of the Day!



Meet Bill...

Bill started volunteering for us in November of 2003 when FISH was located behind the McHenry Library. Upon retiring after 40 years in banking, his wife, Jean, suggested he try volunteering to occupy his new free time. Lucky for us, it will be 10 years now that Bill has been coming every Tuesday & Thursday to fill pantry orders, stock shelves and, as he stated, "Work with some of the greatest people in the world dedicated to helping others in need." Bill is a member of St. Mary's Church and also picks up their food collection each month for FISH. On occasion, his granddaughter, Olivia, accompanies "Papa" to the pantry to learn, at the young age of 11, how to make a difference in other people's lives.

*Thank you, Bill, for your laughter and loyalty!
From all of your friends at FISH*

Happy Birthday!



Hosting a fundraiser for FISH? Just put in your 2 cents!

We were blessed with so many great food drives over the holidays. **A heartfelt thank you to all for your support!** We know it takes a great deal of time and effort to collect the food, then transport and deliver it to FISH Food Pantry. February is the birth month of 2 famous American Presidents on 2 very familiar pieces of currency. As an alternative to a food drive, why not consider a Penny or Dollar Drive? It takes much less effort and we really know how to \$ **stre----tch** \$ your dollar! FISH purchases thousands of pounds of food each week from Northern IL Food Bank at greatly reduced prices!

Your Small Change can really make a BIG Difference!!!



In November & December of 2012:

FISH served a total of:
1263 Households
4059 People

Over 7500 Bags of Food!
Our busiest Holiday Season ever!



The Award for Best Ensemble Cast goes to.....



♥ **FISH of McHenry Pantry Volunteers!** ♥

*Safe travels to all of those off to warmer climates!
See you in a few months!*

FISH Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays and 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:

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