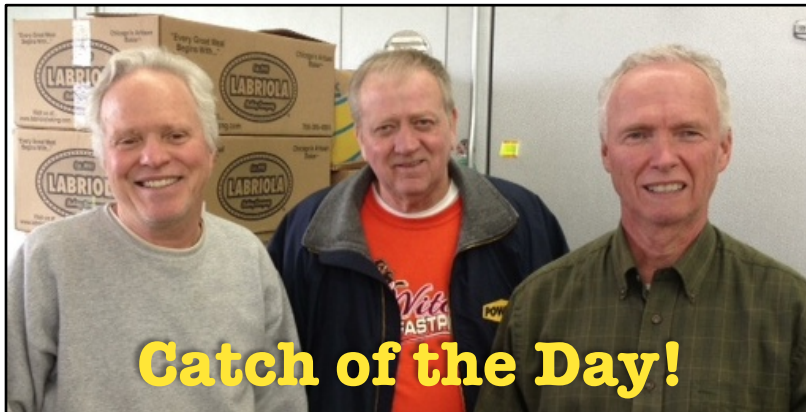


FISH Newsletter

Let's CAN Hunger!



Catch of the Day!

Meet Greg, Billy & Tom...Our Direct Connect Team

Direct Connect is a program organized by the Northern IL Food Bank to recover food and help eliminate waste from local grocery stores. Currently FISH is partnered with Aldi, Jewel and Walmart for weekly pick ups by our volunteers, Greg, Billy and Tom, who have established great working relationships with many of the store employees. Each week our Direct Connect Team picks up produce, bakery goods, meats, dairy products and dry goods that would normally be discarded by the stores and end up in local landfills. Because of the program, our clients are getting fresh and nutritious food that is not as affordable on a limited budget. *Thanks for being such a great Direct Connect team!*



Did you know September is Hunger Action Month?

FISH continues to serve more hungry neighbors each month. July was our busiest month to date serving a record 742 families!

Help join the fight to end hunger here in your own hometown by donating \$\$\$ or hosting a food drive for FISH! Be sure to check our website for more ideas as well as our **FISH Fundraising Kit**. No donation is ever too small. What you give can make a huge difference to someone in need. *Donating is as easy as a click of a button on our website, www.fishofmchenry.org.*



Volunteers unloaded nearly 9000 lbs. of food for the Post Office Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive in May

Walk to Feed the Hungry Saturday, October 11, 2014
 Shamrock Farm Park Registration: 8:00am Walk: 9:00am



The McHenry Catholic Order of Foresters is sponsoring a 3-mile walk to raise money for FISH. In addition to the money raised, COF's home office will match \$1 for \$1 for the first \$1000 raised and \$.50 for each of the next \$1000 raised. Please visit their website for a pledge form and more information @ www.cof594.com.



In June of 2014
 FISH served a total of:

- 552 Households**
- 1866 Individuals**
- In July of 2014**
- 742 Households**
- 2490 Individuals**

Our highest numbers since our doors opened over 40 years ago!

- In August of 2014**
- 645 Households**
- 2166 Individuals**

A BIG Thank You to:
 McHenry Post Office
 McHenry Rotary Club
 Good Guys vs. Good Guys
 Green St. Cruise Night
 Stade's Farm & Market
 Buss Ford of McHenry
 First Midwest Bank, McHenry
 and to all of the organizations & churches who hosted food drives & fundraisers over the summer.
 Thanks also to our local gardeners who share their vegetables each week!



New Evening hours at FISH!

In an effort to address the needs of our clients that work during the day, FISH is now open on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 4:30pm – 6:30pm.



The Food Pantry is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays

9:00am – 11:30am
3rd Tuesday of each month
4:30pm – 6:30pm
 3515 N. Richmond Rd. (Rt. 31)
 Behind the McHenry Moose Lodge & across from the Senior Services Center

Please contact FISH at:

815-344-4717

Mail donations to:
FISH of McHenry
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www.fishofmchenry.org



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