



A message from FISH Food Pantry.....

To our local Schools, Churches and Organizations;

We thank you for all of the support you have given the FISH Food Pantry over the years. We hope with the increasing needs in our community during this economy that your support will continue.

Many of you know that the pantry is run 100% by volunteers. As stated in the August FISH Newsletter, we are sending out a message for alternative types of Food Drives to produce more efficient and effective options for the food pantry. Volunteers are needed for each drive to collect, transport, sort and date code each item all before storing it. **Unfortunately, thousands of pounds of expired food need to be disposed of after volunteers have already gone through the steps noted!**

Families from all Johnsburg and McHenry School Districts visit the FISH Food Pantry. So that each child has a chance to participate within their school, you may consider a “Funds Over Food” Drive. This can be as simple as placing a FISH Bowl in the classroom and suggesting a “Penny Drive” or “Spare Change Drive” to fill the bowl.

If you prefer to do a food drive, please stress the importance of checking expiration dates! To eliminate breakage in transport, plastic, canned or boxed items are requested. We have found “themed” food drives to be very successful. Please call the pantry for creative themes we can suggest to encourage donations of the items needed most by the pantry.

THANK YOU ONE AND ALL for helping FISH help others. We appreciate the loyalty and generosity of our great community.

Sincerely, the staff of FISH of McHenry Food Pantry,

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