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Fish, Inc., Dunellen Area

Scouts Fight Hunger

Webelos II Scouts of Pack 106 held a peanut butter and Jelly collection in May to help Fish provide food for needy people in this area. Scouts Pat Procaccini, Tim Ball, Tyler Duggan, Jonathan Davies, and Adriel Gonzalez collected food and cash donations of \$150 at the Pathmark supermarket in Middlesex. Shown above is some of the food collected. The volunteers at Fish thank these scouts for helping us to help those in need.



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Paulette Grossmith, 1942 – 2005

We were sad to learn that our former Furniture Chairperson, Paulette Grossmith died at her home in Jackson on May 25. Paulette ran our furniture program for many years. We still don't

have a volunteer who is able to replace her in that difficult job. Paulette also helped with our food program and ran one of our Christmas toy programs. In 2001, her toy program provided gifts to 727 needy children, three group homes, and to children at St. Peters Hospital. We thank Paulette on behalf of all those she helped during her years at Fish.

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Holiday Food Plans

Food chairman Bob Mitchell reports that they will distribute Thanksgiving holiday food at the food room from November 14 to November 18. They will be closed November 21, 22 and 25. Christmas holiday food will be distributed on December 13 through December 16, and December 19 through 22. The food room will be closed December 23 through December 26 and on December 30. They will be open on December 28.

Bob wants to thank everyone whose donations make it possible for Fish to help their clients celebrate the Holidays, especially those who regularly donate food:

First Baptist Church, Piscataway
Our Lady of Fatima, Piscataway
Christ United Methodist, Piscataway
Our Lady of Mount Virgin, Middlesex
Bishop Ahr High School, Metuchen
Boy Scouts of America
Our local mail carriers
And many others

Thank you all.

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Clothing Update

The clothing room has been very busy this year. Gerry Halteman estimates that they will have served 5000 clients by year's end.

At this time of year, we especially need donations of blankets and warm children's coats. We also need volunteers to help sort and distribute clothing donations. Since a large

number of our clients communicate better in Spanish than they do in English, volunteers who speak Spanish are very much in need.



Repairs Completed

What appeared to be a small problem with a sticking back door became much larger. Removal of the door sill revealed an area of rotted wood. Further inspection found a softened floor in an area near the door. Building Contractor John Haas was contacted to perform the necessary repairs. He inspected the building and found that rain water penetration was causing our problem. He also found other areas that needed work. John replaced all the weakened wood and corrected the leaks that caused the difficulty. He also made additional repairs which put the building in good condition.



Financial Update

According to Treasurer Ned Halteman, Fish has about \$5,000 less than we did at this time last year but we are still adequately funded. Please continue to be generous in helping us to help those who are in need.



Thoughts on Hurricanes and Holidays

This year seems to have been a long series of natural disasters. Our news has been filled with hurricanes, earthquakes, tornadoes and floods. On this Thanksgiving day, while we pray for the people who have suffered, we should be especially thankful that our area has not had any serious problems. Fish is not equipped to aid people in other areas but we do offer our help to any disaster victims who have relocated to our area. If you know of anyone in need of food or clothing, have them call us at 732-356-0081.

After thanking God for His blessings, we begin to think about celebrating the birth of His Son.

Christmas is a joyful time when we give gifts in recognition of God's gift to us: his Son, Jesus. This year, think about giving the gift of yourself by volunteering to help others. Fish can use more telephone volunteers. Call our Hot Line if you would like to help.

On behalf of the Officers and Committee Chairpersons at Fish; I wish all of our volunteers, supporters, and clients a prayerful Thanksgiving, a joyful Christmas, and a very blessed new year.



Phil Cox editor



The Last Word

Do you need help?

Could you contribute or volunteer?

Do you have an item for this newsletter?

Call Fish – Inc. Dunellen Area at:

732-356-0081