The FISHline



May 2025



FISH will once again benefit from the Orion and Oxford letter carrier drive to **Stamp Out Hunger.**

This is one of our largest annual food drives and we want to sincerely thank the community for their overwhelming generosity in helping our fellow neighbors.

Want to volunteer? Sign up on our website **HERE!**

2000 Fun FISH Facts 0000

- Oxford/Orion FISH is over 50 years old.
- The "FISH" movement began in England in 1961, with churches using the fish symbol in their windows to indicate they were available for emergency help.
- FISH can also stand for Friend I Shall Help.
- The pantry has over 70 regular volunteers that work in the pantry stocking area and office, along with various groups throughout the year.
- Volunteers make weekly pick ups of milk, produce, eggs and bread to ensure that clients are provided with fresh and nutritious foods.
- We all love our community and are grateful to help anyone in need!

Neighbors helping neighbors...

Kids helping neighbors!

FISH has been overwhelmed with support from local youth groups over the past few months. We are grateful for the help, and feeling optimistic that so many are learning to help their neighbors!

Local church groups...



FLOW students from St. Joseph's clean, sort and stock FISH shelves.



The Youth Group at **Freedom Church** in Oxford participated in a 30-hour famine to experience home and food insecurity. During that time, they collected over 1100 items, which they later delivered to FISH! L to R: Caylie Carr, Grace Carlson, Lizzy Quintus, Andrew Taylor, Jordyn Matteson, and Sydnie Eskelinen.

Neighbors helping neighbors...

... And Elementary Schools







Quinn Hubbard, a 5th grader at **Lakeville Elementary** organized a food drive for the pantry. Shown here are her family and friends supporting her 5th grade exhibition project - **Food Insecurity**. The group delivered food and stocked shelves. Way to go Quinn!



Stadium Elementary kindergarten students assembled birthday kits for our clients. Thanks to all!

Neighbors helping neighbors...



Courtney Morin's 5th grade class at **Oxford Elementary School** came to visit and learn how to help those in need.



Christ the Redeemer parishioners assembled and delivered soup kits for our clients.



Jake from **Gleaners** (no relation to Jake from State Farm) brought samples of Gleaner's No Bake Chocolate Cherry Bars. Gleaners Community Food Bank is one of our favorite suppliers, and we love Jake! Here's the <u>recipe</u>.



DONATIONS - To see our current **Wish List**, or to **donate financially** – snap the QR code to the left or visit our website and select the 'Donate' tab. To **donate food** – drop off non-expired food at the pantry or use the drop box at the back of the building. We are grateful for all donations!

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