



## Fall 2022 Newsletter

# FISH of East Aurora, Inc.

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At the FISH food pantry we are getting busier and busier. We are preparing for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday distributions of food, gift cards, and toys. The start of the season always reminds me of the incredible generosity of our community and all the blessings we receive from our church partners, businesses, clubs, individuals, schools, and volunteers. We thank you for your monetary and food donations as well as clothing and linens. Many thanks also to Elm Street Bakery, TOPS Markets, Blazing Star Masonic Lodge #694, and local and out of town farmers for their bread, baked goods, and vegetables.

I am also truly reminded of being so thankful of the current 70 volunteers at FISH. The volunteers work so diligently every Tuesday and Thursday sorting both food and clothing and also taking on key roles coordinating toy day. We utilize an all volunteer staff that sets us apart from others. We presently have volunteer pantry and clothing managers and a volunteer social worker. FISH is a very cost effective program in that there is one paid staff (the Executive Director). All donations received can then be used for the purchase of foods such as eggs, meats, and cheese and whatever other supplies our families may need. These extra foods are purchased on a monthly basis and we will need more of them soon enough.

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In October, we have seen an increase in our family numbers. So far this month, we registered an additional three large families and five small families. As always, we will continue to see an upswing throughout the winter months. Thank you again for your support of the FISH food pantry.

With sincere appreciation,  
Judy Lamb, Executive Director



### **HUNGER AWARENESS FISH FOOD PANTRY RAFFLE**

We will be having a raffle fundraiser from November 17, 2022 to January 6, 2023. **Only 300 tickets will be sold for \$100 each.** For those who purchase tickets, a wine, beer, and appetizer reception will be held on January 6th, 2023 from 6-7:30 p.m. Winners will be announced at the reception at 7:30 p.m. You do not have to be present to win.



**1st PRIZE \$10,000**

**2nd PRIZE \$3,000**

**3rd PRIZE \$2,000**

Any individual, company, or business wanting to purchase tickets, please call Judy at 716-652-7272 on Tuesday or Thursday.

### **THANKSGIVING AND CHRISTMAS FOOD DISTRIBUTION DATES**

Right now, we have an urgent need for all food items. All non-perishables are welcome in addition to donations of small turkeys, turkey breasts, hams, canned fruit, large juice, canned vegetables, potatoes (boxed), pasta roni and rice a roni, for both Thanksgiving and Christmas distributions.

#### **Thanksgiving Food Distribution**

Tuesday, November 15th and Thursday, November 17th, 2022

#### **Christmas Food Distribution**

Tuesday, December 20th and Thursday, December 22nd, 2022

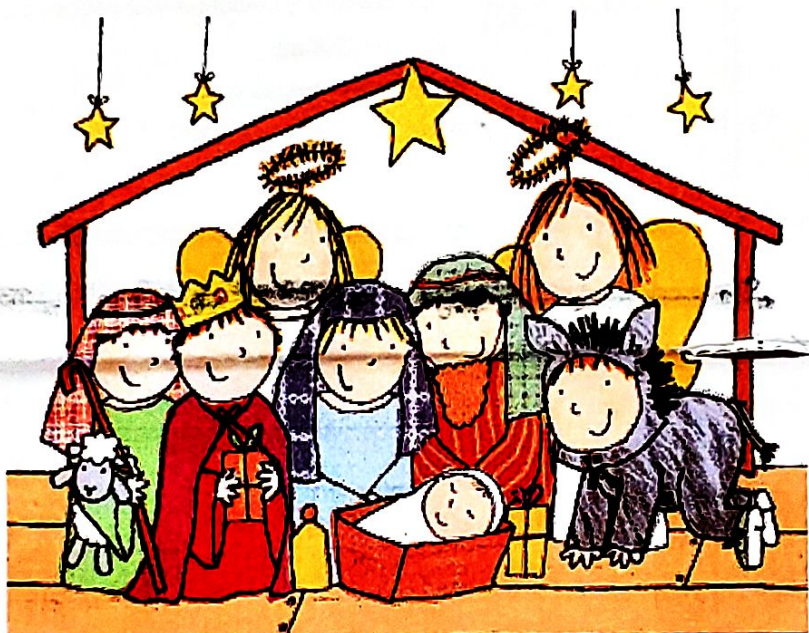




## CHRISTMAS TOY DAY



Toy Day at FISH gives parents an opportunity to give Christmas toys to their children. This year, we will be having Toy Day on **Saturday, December 17, 2022**. Only registered clients are eligible and all donated toys are given to local families. Gift cards for older children and teens are also greatly appreciated. You can drop off new, unwrapped toys and gift cards on Tuesdays and Thursdays between 8 AM and 3 PM or on Saturday, December 3rd between 10 AM and 12 PM. We would appreciate donated toys and gift cards by December 6th.



## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

DONATE

- Help fill our empty shelves - Sponsor a food drive
- Mail the enclosed envelope with a tax-deductible contribution
- Volunteer

## FISH CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

So our dedicated volunteers can enjoy time with their families, FISH will be closed December 23rd, 2022 through January 2nd, 2023. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 3rd, 2023.



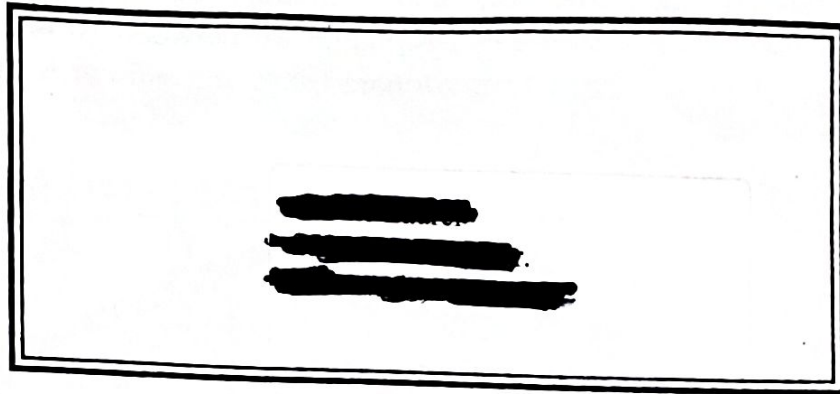
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A charitable Christian organization that provides  
free services to low-income families in the  
Southtowns.

Open Tuesday and Thursday from 9 A.M. to Noon  
for donations.

Food Pantry open 1-3 P.M.

Also, food distribution 10-12 P.M. on the first  
Saturday of the month.

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"She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he  
will save his people from their sins." MATTHEW 1:21