

Spring 2023 Newsletter

# FISH of East Aurora, Inc.

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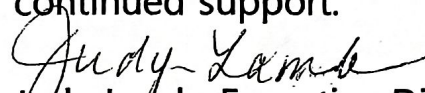


## SNAP CUTS, Families, and Food Pantries

Many Americans will lose help from the federal government to buy groceries when the extra pandemic SNAP food benefits end on March 1, 2023. Most individuals and families will lose hundreds of dollars a month in food assistance. The extra benefits were given during the pandemic to keep people out of poverty.

Several of our former clients are calling to re-register with FISH. Also, starting in March, we anticipate a huge increase in the number of families coming to FISH for food. Hopefully, we will be able to fill the gap with our food distributions. At this time, we intend to maintain our purchases of extra food and also increase our food orders from Feedmore of WNY.

Additionally, your support of the FISH food pantry allows us to continue our mission to help families who need it the most. We appreciate your continued support.

  
Judy Lamb, Executive Director

**THANK YOU**



Thank you TOPS Markets, Elm Street Bakery, and Blazing Star #694 (Andy Egressy) for continued donations of bread and baked goods. Also, we would like to thank volunteer Rick Wilsman for picking up eggs at Federal and baked goods at TOPS, volunteers Rick Hanavan and Joe Ernst for picking up meats and other non-perishables at TOPS, and volunteer Jean Kron for picking up bread from Elm Street Bakery. We couldn't ask for better volunteers!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**June, July & August 2023** - East Aurora Co-Op Market coordinating with FISH food pantry

**June 2023** - Volunteer recognition luncheon celebrating volunteers who have been with FISH for 20+ and 10+ years

**July 2023** - Community Days at Valu, East Aurora Plaza. FISH fundraiser \$5.00 hot dogs, chips, and pop. All proceeds go to FISH.

**EASTER FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 4<sup>th</sup> 2023**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 6<sup>th</sup> 2023**

Since it is a special holiday, we still need large juice, jello and pudding mixes, cake mixes and frosting, brownie and cookie mixes.

In this season of rebirth, may you feel your faith renewed and your heart made new with the hope Easter brings.



\*\*\*\*Thanks to Elma United Methodist Church for copies of this newsletter.



East Aurora High School  
food collection



Capital One employees  
helping to sort toys



Volunteer Nancy Gradwell



Volunteers Deb Blowers and Winnie Bove

First Presbyterian  
Church Youth  
Group food  
collection





Liam & Elinor Garvin collected food for FISH



Don Zappia and grandsons food collection



Immaculate Conception gift card donation



Jim Anderson & Sonny Schultz at raffle reception



Raffle Reception

**RAFFLE AND RECEPTION**

We were pleased with the outcome of our first raffle. Although we didn't sell all 300 tickets (chances for people buying tickets were pretty good), the fundraiser was a success. Fred Fellendorf, Earl Gingerich, and Stacy Hainen, were the winners of the raffle. Another raffle is being planned for 2024.

The reception held for the raffle was well attended. Hors d'oeuvres, pizza, wine, beer, pop and water were served by our faithful volunteers. FISH would like to thank the following volunteers for the superb job they did before and during the reception:

Carol Jenney - tickets, wine and pop

Judy Malys

Jim Anderson

Jean Kron

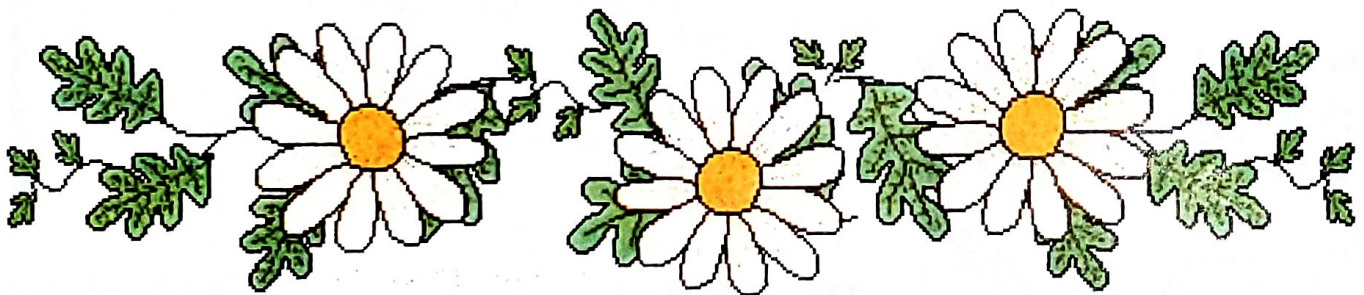
Luci & John Mahoney

Rick & Jackie Hanavan - beer

Judy Lamb

Becky Popiel - water

Tim Freed, Pastor, Nativity Lutheran Church



**OUTREACH SERVICES - OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY**

**Lauren Merriman - SNAP Outreach Coordinator** assisting with food stamp applications on Tuesday, March 21st, Saturday April 1st, Saturday, May 6th and Tuesday, June 20th. (1-3 p.m. on Tuesday & Thursday and 10-12 noon on Saturday.)

**Sheila Weatherbee, Medicare Management Specialist** - Thursday, March 9th and Thursday, April 6th (1-3 p.m.)

**Lisa Maria Cruz - MHPC Outreach Specialist** Mental Health and Addiction Peer Connection Tuesday, April 18th and Tuesday, May 23rd. (1-3p.m.)



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### FISH of East Aurora, Inc.

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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"He is not here, He is risen, just as He said." MATTHEW 28:6