

## **SERVICE DESCRIPTION**

Fish, Inc., Dunellen Area, is a service organization of volunteers who respond with compassion to the needs of the poor, the elderly, the homeless, and those who "fall between the cracks" of public assistance.

Fish was incorporated in 1970 to express a spirit of brotherhood in our communities by rendering assistance and service to individuals in need. Fish responds to appeals for help and assistance throughout the greater Dunellen area. Our service area includes the Middlesex County communities of Dunellen, Middlesex, Piscataway, South Plainfield, Edison, and Highland Park.

## **ORGANIZATION**

Fish is an all volunteer organization. No salaries are paid to any workers. Oversight of operations is provided by a Steering Committee composed of the elected officers and the chairpersons who direct the year-round ongoing programs. Opportunities for service include receiving, sorting, storing, and distributing food and clothing to clients. Telephone volunteers return the clients' calls for assistance and then contact the appropriate program chairpersons. These volunteers are a vital link between our clients and those who can serve their needs.

## **PROGRAMS & SERVICES**

Major programs of Fish include: Food Distribution, Clothing, Blankets and Bedding, Holiday Meals, and Christmas Toys. All services are non-discriminatory and are provided free of charge. Clients are appropriately screened for participation.

Each program has a chairperson responsible for fulfilling the service needs of the client. The chairperson has a list of available volunteers to call upon and most of the programs function with pre-arranged schedules of volunteers. Persons interested in volunteering may e-mail us at [admin@fishdunellenarea.org](mailto:admin@fishdunellenarea.org) or call the Hotline at 732-356-0081.

Monthly food packages, typically two bags of basic commodities, are provided to approximately 600 families and area seniors. Infant formula or baby food is available depending upon donations. Holiday meals are provided to families at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. These packages include two bags of food for preparation of a traditional holiday meal, with fresh produce and a turkey, chicken, or ham.

The Clothing program serves about 4,000 children and 1,000 adults per year. Blankets and bedding are also supplied to families in need.

## **SUPPORT NEEDS**

Fish relies entirely on donations to carry out its programs. Non-perishable foods are always needed. Because many of our elderly clients have dietary restrictions, sugar-free and low-salt foods are especially welcome, as are cranberry juice for kidney patients and other canned fruits and juices. Clothing, especially for infants and children, is also needed. Clothing, blankets and bedding should be clean and in good condition.

Monetary donations also are welcome. Questions may be directed to:

[treasurer@fishdunellenarea.org](mailto:treasurer@fishdunellenarea.org).

Checks should be made payable to Fish, Inc., Dunellen Area and sent to:

Treasurer,  
Fish, Inc., Dunellen Area  
PO Box 8565  
Piscataway NJ 08855-8006

For more information about Fish, visit our website:

[www.fishdunellenarea.org](http://www.fishdunellenarea.org)

For assistance, call the 24-hour hotline:

732-356-0081

## SERVICES PROVIDED:

- > Food Pantry
- > Holiday Meals
- > Holiday Toys
- > Clothing
- > Blankets/Bedding
- > Infant Necessities
- > Disaster Support

## TAX EXEMPTION:

*Fish, Inc., Dunellen Area qualifies as a non-profit corporation and is exempt from Federal Income Tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. All contributions are tax deductible. We follow IRS requirements for receipts.*

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Address Correction Requested

**FISH, Inc., Dunellen Area  
PO Box 8565  
Piscataway NJ 08855-8006**

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## Dunellen Area

*Serving our neighbors in  
need since 1970*

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