



# Fish Newsletter

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**Fish, Inc., Dunellen Area**

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## ***The Holiday Season at Fish, Inc.***

The 2015 Holiday season was a very busy one for the folks at Fish. In November, the usual once-a-month food, personal care, and cleaning supplies were given out. In addition, groceries for a complete Thanksgiving dinner were provided to 335 families. Christmas holiday meals were provided to many of those same families. New toys for children through age 12 were given to those families who had requested them.

At the *Fishes and Loaves Café I* at Christ United Methodist Church Hall, hot lunches were served on November 19 and December 17. *Fishes and Loaves Café II*, in Our Lady of Fatima cafeteria, served dinner on November 20; and the Christmas dinner on December 18 included a visit from Santa and his Elf. These activities are joint efforts of the churches and Fish, Inc.

Volunteers in the Clothing Room were busy sorting the many generous donations in order to supply warm clothing for men, women and children, as well as coats, blankets, and bedding, throughout the winter.

The Food Room and Clothing Room are now closed through January 3, 2016. Both will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2016, at 9:00 a.m.

## ***Colgate-Palmolive Doll Pageant Tradition benefits the children served by Fish, Inc.-Dunellen Area***

During the Christmas season, Colgate-Palmolive conducts a doll pageant for members of their workforce and other friends, as well as relatives of employees. The 19" dolls are provided by Colgate and participants are given about a month to dress the dolls in either handmade or purchased outfits. The dolls are judged by Colgate employees for creativity and best workmanship with prizes being awarded. Past judges have included Madge, the Palmolive Lady.

For many years, Fish has been the lucky recipient of these beautiful dolls which are used in our Christmas Toy Program. The workmanship and creativity of the creators shows in the beautiful outfits these dolls wear and are what make them truly special. Fish is grateful for our partnership with Colgate-Palmolive and looks forward each year to receiving these special dolls.

All domestic Colgate facilities and the corporate office participate in this program to help make the lives of less fortunate children a little happier. This program is in its 76th year company wide.

Fish thanks the folks at Colgate-Palmolive for their generosity.

## ***The President's Corner***

To everyone who makes it possible for Fish to help our neighbors in need: Thank You!

If you receive this newsletter, you probably help us serve our clients in some way. Perhaps you make a financial donation or volunteer your time helping our food or Clothing programs. Possibly you return calls from people who need our help. You might be an officer or chairperson of a Fish program.

Maybe you help Fish indirectly through your membership in a church or other group that helps Fish serve our clients in various ways.

All of you, each helping in their own way, make it possible for Fish to keep serving people in need. Thank you for your continuing support. May God's gentle, peaceful love be with you throughout the coming year.



President

## ***How You Can Help***

Drivers and ride-along helpers who are able to commit to a regular schedule (for example, every Friday) are needed to drive the Fish van. Volunteers need to be age 21 or over, with a clean driving record, and must be able to lift 60 pounds. We also are looking for on-call substitute van drivers and ride-along helpers who meet the above requirements who can be called to fill in as required. To learn more, please call the Fish Hotline, 732-356-0081 and leave a message for Lisa.

Telephone volunteers work at home, returning calls from potential clients and scheduling appointments. Training is provided by our telephone Chairperson. If you can volunteer one day a month, or more, please call the Fish Hotline, 732-356-0081 and leave a message for Debbie.

## ***Coming Up ---***

*January 15, 2016: Fishes & Loaves Café II:* Free hot dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Our Lady of Fatima Recreation/Learning Center, 499 New Market Road, Piscataway. *Dinner is served every third Friday of the month.*

*January 21, 2016: Fishes & Loaves Café I:* Free hot lunch from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Christ United Methodist Church Hall, 485 Hoes Lane, Piscataway. *Lunch is served every third Thursday of the month.*

*Third Saturday of each month:* Food Room and Clothing Room will be open from 9 to 11:00 a.m.

## ***Come Join 'THE FISHNET'***

If you are interested in hearing from us when we have a specific need, you may subscribe to become a member of *The Fish Net*. We promise to cast our net only when a specific need arises. We will not bombard you with unwanted e-mails. To subscribe, visit us at **[www.fishdunellenarea.org](http://www.fishdunellenarea.org)** and click on "The Fish Net" tab.



## ***Thank You!***

Many churches in our communities continue to support the work of Fish, Inc. with activities to raise funds for Fish, with food collections, clothing collections, and more. We thank all of the congregations for their generosity toward the Fish programs.



## ***The Last Word***

For assistance, or if you would like to contribute or volunteer, call the Fish hotline: **732-356-0081**. For more information about Fish, Inc., please visit our website: **[www.fishdunellenarea.org](http://www.fishdunellenarea.org)**.

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