

# The FISHline

Oxford/Orion  
**FISH**  
January, 2012

## Pantry Notes: Sandy K.

194 Total Households  
529 Total Individuals  
26 New Clients  
16,350 lbs. of food



Our Thanksgiving Basket Program went very well this year. Thank you to everyone who made it another successful year. 221 baskets were distributed:

FISH: 121 Baskets + 30 senior baskets = 151

PKSA Karate School: 70 baskets, includes 8 Leonard seniors

Our Facebook page is taking off. We have 66 people who “like” us so far. I posted when we needed help during Thanksgiving, and I also post our monthly wish list. “Like” us at: Oxford/Orion FISH-Food Pantry.

Oakwood Community Church had a wonderful Christmas Dinner and invited FISH to be a part of it. Gene and Margaret V. attended, and not only enjoyed a nice dinner and friendly company, but they were presented with \$400.00 in Meijer Gift cards and two truck loads of food! Thank you.

Our AngelFISH Holiday Gift Program celebrated it’s 10th year this season, and the AngelFISH committee would like to thank all the donors and volunteers who helped make this another successful Christmas for our clients’ children. In addition, the entire FISH organization would like to give a huge THANK YOU to the committee chairs: Elizabeth, Linda, Susan and Helen as they step down after years of hard work. We are sorry to see you go, but truly understand! Please help welcome Lynne, Laurene and Michelle for taking over this wonderfully rewarding position so that the children of FISH will have many more wonderful Christmases!!!

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# *Thank You*

- \* **Lake Orion High School Honor Society held a coat drive for our clients the first two weeks of December. We received over 80 coats.**
- \* **Scripps Middle School ran a Personal Needs drive for the pantry. They filled 25 boxes!!**
- \* **Oxford Post office has become another location for donations to be dropped off.**
- \* **King of Kings church now has a collection box year round.**
- \* **Applebee's of Lake Orion is sponsoring a Personal Needs drive through the month of December.**
- \* **Dan D. for his donation of three black angus cows.**
- \* **Lake Orion and Oxford Lions Clubs for providing Christmas dinners for our FISH clients this year.**
- \* **TCF Bank in Lake Orion for your food and Christmas gift drive.**
- \* **Sunny Day Preschool for their wonderful Gluten Free food drive. We received 5 large boxes filled with an assortment of items.**

### January Wish List:

Mandarin Oranges	Yams	Chicken Helper	Cereal
Pineapple	Beets	Ramen Noodles	Laundry Soap

Any Gluten Free Items (we have clients in need of these items)

### Budget Classes for FISH Clients

**We are offering our clients two budget classes to help guide them on how to better manage their bills with the income they have. Thomas United Methodist Church (back building) has graciously offered their facility on January 23rd at 7pm, and February 20th at 7pm. If you are interested in helping our clients learn how to do a simple budget, please call the office to volunteer at 248-628-3933. Press 1 for the pantry coordinator, and someone will get back to you.**

### **Prayer Line**

**Fred H. while dealing with a health issue.**

**Margaret V. as she continues her battle with cancer.**

**Gene V. as he continues his healing.**



**Our next General Meeting  
is January 12th, 10:30am**

**Lake Orion United  
Methodist Church**

**ALL ARE WELCOME**

**QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

*"To leave the old with a burst of song,  
To recall the right and forgive the wrong;  
To forget the thing that blinds you fast  
To the vain regrets of the year that's past."*

- Robert B. Beattie,

*A Way to a Happy New Year*

**We have been notified by Office Max that they will only accept Hewlett Packard (HP), Dell, and Lexmark toner cartridges for recycling by FISH in exchange for paper and other office supplies. Cartridges can be left at the FISH office or in Marian Hall at St. Joe's Church. For the past four years, almost all of our office purchases have been paid for this way. Please help by donating these used cartridges, instead of disposing of them.**

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