

Lake Township FISH

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Recap of May - June

Food Orders **389**

Housing - 1 **\$400**

Electric - 3 **\$245**

Gas - 1 **\$233**

School Supplies - 2 **\$200**

FISH'S Food For Thought

Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds.

Hebrews 10:24

Love and good deeds abound in our community as witnessed by the support Lake Township FISH receives to help the needy in this area. We are very grateful to those participants and supporters of the 5K Subway Run/Walk at the Blue Streaks Stadium on July 20th. Braving the downpour of rain were 255 runners and walkers and the total money received was \$2876. We are grateful to Subway Restaurant which provided sandwiches, to Shearers for chips, to K.W. Zellers and Son Inc. for fruit, to Sonia's Fitness Training for water and sport drinks, to Clearwater Park for gift certificates, and to Impulse Training for the grand prizes. Thanks go also to Athletic Director Bruce Brown, Lake High School staff, Lake High School students, and Pastor Bob Cheyney for their help in making this event successful.

On this same day, July 20th, there was another FISH benefit going on. The Village of Hartville and Weaver SecurShred provided equipment to shred unwanted papers free. Canned and boxed items were collected for FISH. Thanks to Mayor Currie, Village Council members, Weaver SecurShred, and donors for the money and grocery items that were given.

Because we are always seeking ways to keep FISH financially secure, we are open to unique ideas for fund-raisers. Andy Pressler, a FISH volunteer, offers this suggestion:

Many of you already donate to United Way through your employer. We'd like you to think about designating your gift to Lake Township FISH. This way, your donation goes directly to an organization in your community that helps those in need. FISH is a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization and therefore, qualifies for these donations. If you have any questions please contact Andy Pressler @ 330.877.3913.

A Reminder to volunteers. Cut coupons to cut costs! Take the coupon sections from the Sunday newspapers or any coupons you get on line to the pantry and put them in the "Coupon Box" in the back room when you volunteer or anytime the pantry is open:

Tuesdays 10 am-11 am and Thursdays 6 pm-7 pm. Our FISH "Coupon Shopper" will make good use of them to buy groceries for the pantry.

St. Jacob's Lutheran Church has again delivered 75 "stuffies" to distribute to our clients. These have been lovingly cleaned, disinfected and tagged with a name and Bible verse and eagerly chosen. We are grateful to Linda and Fred Edwards and their helpers for providing this special treat for the FISH clients.

We are also giving out children's books and magazines at the pantry. If you have some to donate, please bring them to the cupboard and put on the table in the back room. These come in handy when children are waiting in line to shop with their parents.

As it is with many service agencies across the nation, the needs keep growing. FISH gave out nearly 4 times more in May and June of 2013 than for the same period last year. We hope you will continue to support this organization with your prayers, and monetary and grocery donations. There are some important events coming up in the next couple months that are important to FISH and ones for which we hope you will mark your calendar and plan to attend.

FOOD CUPBOARD NEEDS:

- *Cleaning Products*
- *Meals-in-a-can*
- *Soups*
- *Shampoo*
- *Deodorant*
- *Laundry Detergent*
- *Instant Potatoes*
- *Hamburger/Tuna Helpers*
- *Peanut Butter*

Living Christ's Love by Serving Our Neighbors!

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GET YOUR TICKETS NOW - The Sixth Annual Lake Township FISH Benefit Dinner will be held at the Hartville Kitchen on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at 6 PM. This is the main fundraiser of the year and we hope to have a full house. There is still time to get tickets. For a donation of \$25 a ticket, you will receive not only an excellent meal and entertainment, but also the grand feeling of satisfaction of helping others. Since everything including the food, space, labor and entertainment is being donated, all proceeds from the dinner will be given to Lake Township FISH. Entertainment will be John Schmid, singer/entertainer, of Common Ground Ministries. Order by calling the Hartville Kitchen at 330.877.9353 or buying them in person in the Hartville Kitchen Offices. If you want a vegetarian meal, please request your choice when you order your ticket.

Another opportunity to support FISH - On Sunday, October 20th, the Lake Township Y will be sponsoring a 5K Run Obstacle Challenge at Lake Blue Streak Stadium from noon to 3 pm for all participants ages 10 and older with proceeds going to FISH. The cost is \$25 for members and \$40 for non-members if you register before September 30th. A free t-shirt will be available for the first 200 participants. There also will be a kids' challenge (9 and under) at 11 am. You may register on line at <http://www.ymcastark.org/lake-y-challenge> or by phone at 330.877.8933. **If you don't want to participate in the event, we are also looking for volunteers to help the day of.** This would entail directing runners to the different obstacles. If you are part of a small group, this would be a great opportunity to help serve FISH and have fun together. Please e-mail or call Kami if this is something that would be of interest to you. Thank you in advance for your willingness to serve.

Lake Township FISH is once again participating in Acme Fresh Market's Community Cash Back Program. You can help by buying store brands from Acme, saving your receipts and sending them to FISH with your church's FISH rep, or taking them to the cupboard when the pantry is open. There will be a plastic container marked "Acme Receipts" on the table in the back room at the pantry for you to drop the receipts in. The campaign begins September 21, 2013 and ends February 8, 2014.

This program is an easy and convenient fund-raiser that results in several hundred dollars added to the FISH treasury. If you have any questions about the program call Jan Dwenger, [330.877.9996](tel:330.877.9996).

A Happy FISH Tale - FISH Charity Runs in the Family

Lake Township FISH has had two families working at FISH this past summer with three generations in each, volunteering their services. Joel and Susie Becher deliver and help stock groceries from the food bank every week. Their daughter, Diana Hottinger is the mother of their grandchildren, Hannah, Joel, Nathan and Mary Hottinger, ages 5 to 14. They all devoted a day a week to help unload and re-package these groceries and stock the shelves. Another grandson, Jon Miller also assisted. All these family members did exceptionally great work and helped immensely.

The other family with a lot of FISH involvement is the Sommers family. Kami Sommers is our hard-working Director of FISH. Her mother-in-law, Carol, works as a shopper and is the grandmother of Kaydri and Sawyer who also are volunteer shoppers by helping the clients select groceries from the FISH store.

To all of you who help in any way: volunteering as shoppers, screeners, stockers, church representatives, sponsors, and donors, thank you for all you do in making a difference in our community and beyond.

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