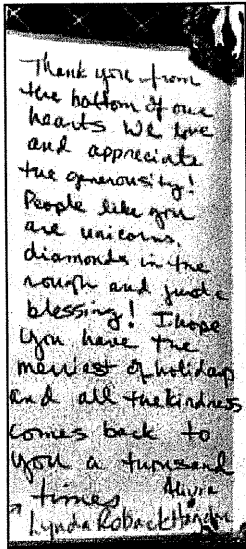


# The FISHline

Oxford/Orion  
FISH

January, 2019

## 'We distributed more food to clients than ever before'



One of the many thank you letters received from our FISH clients and sent to their AngelFISH donors.

As the pantry doors open to 2019, Oxford/Orion FISH board members are reflecting back on the gifts of 2018 as well as looking forward to the challenge of increasing needs and operations in the year ahead.

At their last board meeting members expressed heartfelt thanks to the dedicated office and pantry volunteers, as well as the hundreds of loyal community supporters who have donated their time and energy in support of our clients, our food drives and our special projects over the past year.

"When the final figures are in, we expect we will have ended 2018 with a total of 186,000 pounds of food distributed to our clients," said Ron Wood, who heads food purchasing for the pantry. "That represents an average of more than 90 pounds of food our shoppers were able to take home on the 2,020 shopping trips they made to the pantry last year."

That represents the most food ever distributed in a year by Oxford/Orion FISH in its 45-year history. Board members credit the increase in part to the opening of FISH's new, more visible and centrally located food pantry last fall.

"We are definitely seeing a pickup in individuals coming to the pantry for help," said Julie Howald, who oversees pantry operations. "They can easily find us now, and their needs are real. The challenge we now face is organizing our operations as best we can to handle the increased activity that has already begun."

Plans are already underway for the first major food drive of the year, ONTV's 9th Annual "5 or 5" Food Drive on February 9.

**ONTV's 9th Annual Food Drive**  
**Saturday, February 9th**  
**10 AM to 4 PM**  
 Help stock the shelves of the Oxford/Orion FISH Food Pantry

**Bring in... 5 CANS OR \$5**  
 to the ONTV Studio and enter our raffle drawings

**PLUS:**  
 Stick around for LIVE family fun entertainment!

For more information call: (248) 628-3377 or visit [orionONTV.org](http://orionONTV.org)

ONTV IS LOCATED AT 1349 JACKSON RD.

Get ready for the first major community food drive of 2019. It will be ONTV's 9th Annual "5 or 5" food drive on Saturday, Feb. 9. Individuals are encouraged to bring food donations to ONTV's studio the week of Feb. 4 and enter the raffle for more than a dozen prizes.

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We welcome your comments and letters. Don Danko, editor. at [ddanko@comcast.net](mailto:ddanko@comcast.net).

Pantry is located at 487 First Street, Oxford Township, MI 48371.

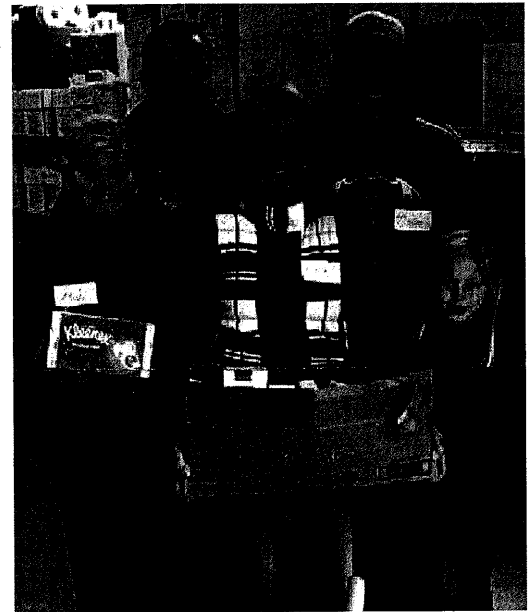
Hotline: 248-628-3933



Pictured here and on page 2, Fourth Graders from Girl Scout Troop 71761 brought a large food donation to the pantry, along with dozens of young hands eager to help put some of the items on the shelves. Help also came from the young hands of Second Graders from Carpenter Elementary Wolf Den out of Cub Scout Pack 512.



*The food pantry is never as alive as when dozens of young hands (with a little help from a few not-so-young hands) date check donations and stock shelves for the coming week's shoppers. Fourth Graders from Girl Scout Troop 71751 are pictured above, with other photos taken of Christ the Redeemer parishioners who chose to help at the pantry as their outreach project on CTR's St. Nicholas Day of Service.*



## ***Oxford/Orion FISH food drop-off locations***

Following is a list of drop-off locations that can be used to contribute items to the pantry. Contributions can also be dropped off at the Oxford/Orion FISH pantry in Oxford. See our website ([oxfordorionfish.org](http://oxfordorionfish.org)) for specific hours and days of operation at the pantry and the locations shown below.

Lake Orion Post Office  
611 N. Axford St.  
Lake Orion, MI 48362

St. Joseph Catholic Church  
714 N. Lapeer Rd.  
Lake Orion, MI 48362

Lake Orion United Methodist Church  
140 E. Flint St  
Lake Orion, MI 48361

Orion Neighborhood Television  
1349 Joslyn Rd.  
Lake Orion, MI 48360

Beaumont Medical Building  
1455 S. Lapeer Road  
Lake Orion, MI 48360

King of Kings Lutheran Church  
1715 S. Lapeer Rd.  
Lake Orion, MI 48360

fLipSpot  
233 Kay Industrial Drive  
Orion Township, MI 48359

Oxford Post Office  
52 E. Burdick St  
Oxford, MI 48371

Oxford Village Offices  
22 W. Burdick St.  
Oxford, MI 48371

Paul's Barber Shop  
87 W. Burdick St  
Oxford, MI 48371

Addison Township Offices  
1440 Rochester Rd  
Leonard, MI 48367

**Online help request**

*We are looking for help setting up an online sign-up capability for FISH office and pantry volunteers using internet programs such as [signupgenius.com](http://signupgenius.com). If you have experience in this area and would be willing to help guide our efforts, please call 248-628-3933.*

**Oxford/Orion FISH**  
**Bulletin  Board**  
*"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"*

**Our pantry wish list for January . . .** includes chili, spaghetti, chunky soup, canned tomatoes, baked beans, salad dressing and taco shells. Check our website, [oxfordorionfish.org](http://oxfordorionfish.org), for other items as special needs arise.

**Please help Orion Neighborhood Television help us . . .** by encouraging your family and friends to participate in ONTV's 9th Annual "5 or 5" food drive that will be held on Saturday, February 9. Bring five cans of food or \$5 to the ONTV studio at the Orion Community Center on Joslyn Rd. from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and enter the raffle for more than a dozen prizes. Live music and family entertainment will be featured on the network throughout the day.



**Thank you, Christ the Redeemer, . . .** for including our FISH food pantry in your St. Nicholas Day service projects. Members collected more than 100 crates of cleaning, laundry and personal care items for our clients from more than 700 homes in our community. Among the CTR volunteers who helped at the pantry were Cam Manilla; Amy Bondy and family; the Juzysta family; Tiffany Villereal and family; Ken Pratt; Jim and Roseanne Jewell; Megan, Abby and Jack Auerbach; and Nancy and Don Danko (*see photos, page 2*).

**Oxford/Orion FISH . . .** is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization and an equal opportunity provider. For a brochure on the organization, call 248-628-3933, or visit our website at [oxfordorionfish.org](http://oxfordorionfish.org). You can also visit our page on Facebook (Oxford/Orion FISH - Food Pantry) and help us spread the word on fighting food insecurity by giving us a "like." It's another great way to stay in touch with our FISH community and activities.

**Our next General Meeting will be held at 9 a.m.,  
 Thursday, January 10, at our  
 1060 S. Lapeer Rd. pantry.**

**Everyone is welcome to attend.**

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Help us "go green" by sending us your email address so you can receive your monthly issue of FISHline electronically. This helps us save on printing and postage and gets our monthly issues to you a little earlier, and with the gift of full-color photos as well. We'll be happy to add your address to our list. Email us at [oxfordorionfish@gmail.org](mailto:oxfordorionfish@gmail.org).

### **Food pantry totals for November**

Households served:	189 (11 new clients)
Individuals served:	455
Amount of food:	18,060 pounds
Emergency food boxes picked up:	4 families

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## **The Prayer Line**

In thanksgiving for the strong support we receive from our volunteers in 2018.

For the one in seven Americans who go to bed hungry every night.

In thanksgiving for all the donors and supporters of the AngelFISH program.

For our FISH clients, volunteers and their families struggling with cancer and other major hardships.

Almighty God, whose great commandment is that we shall love our neighbors as ourselves, and who has taught us that we should do to others as we would have them do to us, we ask your blessing upon the work and growth of the FISH movement throughout the world. As our purpose is to help our fellow persons, and to promote all that is good in the life of our community, so we pray that you will strengthen our hands in all our undertakings, and that your work may spread the spirit of fellowship and goodwill among all people.

# From backpacks to Thanksgiving baskets to AngelFISH — they do it all



In August they provided 185 backpacks to the school-aged children of FISH clients. In November 194 families received Thanksgiving baskets through their assembly-line efforts preparing the dinners. And last month more than 60 families and around 170 children had a much brighter, happier Christmas celebration thanks to their work as Santa's elves through FISH's AngelFISH program.

They are Oxford/Orion FISH's special activities group, led by Lynn, Michelle and Laurene, and more than a dozen volunteers who work behind the scenes to complement the food our clients receive in their pantry shopping trips with additional support to their families and children. We are pleased to acknowledge them as our Volunteers of the Month for January.

In the photo above, 11 of the special activities volunteers gather together after distributing the gifts from AngelFISH donors to the children's parents at Myrick Hall. They are (from the left): Joanne Johnson, Nancy Wylie, Julie Howald, Linda Spencer, Bev Rolfson, Lynn Kennis, Brenda Walls, Michelle Behm, Maureen LaBarge, Laurene Baldwin and Linda Hall.

Special thanks to St. Joseph Church for the use of Myrick Hall. Other contributors we wish to thank for their year-end support include Continental Automotive for its monetary donation; the Oxford Tap Irish Pub for its food and monetary donations, and Janice Delaney, with P&F Systems, a division of Magnum, for the donation of 600 pounds of food, including turkeys and hams.

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