



# **Fish** Emergency Service, Inc.

neighbor helping neighbor

**43 YEARS** of SERVICE in the PORTLAND METRO AREA



## **NEW FISH MANAGEMENT STAFF**

Two vital members of **Fish's** compassionate team work with Gloria Colvin, Executive Director. At right is Nita Robertson, faithful and talented Administrative Assistant; at the left is Kathleen Butler, new Program Director. On the job since early June, Kathleen recently finished her B.A. in Human Studies at Marylhurst University. She is married to Ken and has two sons, ages 14 and 18. Her background is in accounting and office management. She is active in the Milwaukie community and at her church, St. John the Baptist.

"I am proud to be a part of **Fish**, which offers such wonderful services," Kathleen says. "We have awesome volunteers who take time to listen to our families in need and help them become self-sufficient. I am still learning about **Fish's** donors and traditions." Welcome aboard, Kathleen!

Kathleen's interest in communications was evident recently as she visited the Multnomah County Courtroom of Judge Steve Evans, who assigns Community Service Workers to **Fish**. She also hopes to build relationships with other agencies which send people to **Fish**.

## **GIFTS OF TIME, MONEY, AND SUPPLIES**

So many individuals, clubs, churches, and schools know of the crying need in our community and so many want to help. **Key Bank** gave **Fish** money and some of its employees did some needed inside painting. **Umpqua Bank** employees did further painting. Sophomores from **St. Mary's Academy** spent a day at **Fish** doing many jobs.

One noteworthy woman comes to **Fish** about once a week, bringing large quantities of bread and "bargains" from local stores which she thinks will benefit families, one day bringing 83 lbs. food!

Laurie Donald renovated an office for **Education Northwest** and gave **Fish** office furniture and supplies.



St. Mary's students stock shelves.

"What in life is more worth pursuing than helping others to help themselves?"

-John O'Malley

# THANKS TO DONORS, March - June, 2010

## COMMUNITIES OF FAITH

Bethlehem Lutheran	Women First Christian
Colonial Hts. Presbyterian	First Congregational- UCC
Covenant Church Epworth Unt. Methodist	Grace Baptist, Mission
First Unt. Methodist, Circle of Friends	Gateway Presbyterian
Grace Presbyterian	Kenilworth Presbyterian
Lake Oswego Unt. Methodist	Lincoln St. Unt. Methodist
Lynchwood Church of God	Montavilla Unt. Methodist
Moreland Presbyterian	Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference
Portland Mennonite	St. Andrew's Presbyterian, Dorcas Circle
St. James Lutheran	Presbyterian Church of Laurelhurst
Rose City Park Presbyterian	St. Michael's Episcopal Quilters
Trinity Unt. Methodist	Unitarian Universal Women's Alliance
Vermont Hills Unt. Methodist, Women	Westminster Presbyterian
Westmoreland Unt. Methodist	Wilshire United Methodist, Women
Calvary Presbyterian	Holy Cross Lutheran

## BUSINESSES

Artisan Dental Laboratory	Antique Warehouse	Bi-Mart Stores	
Café Pallino	Curves	Eastside Deli	Education Northwest
Fred Meyer	Gann Bros. Printing	Here We Go Again	
Hot Lips Pizza	John H. Hudson Properties	Iorio Restaurant	
Key Bank	Levi Outlet	MBI Motors	PGE
Oregon Energy Services	Law Office of Jonah H. Paisner		
Title Nine	TOFU Company	Safeway	The Standard
The ODS Companies	Umpqua Investments		
Uncle Paul's Produce Market	Walgreens		

## OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Abiding Love Charity	Birch Community Services
Buckman and Col. Summer's Community Gardens	Mazamas
Give With Liberty	Lutheran Community Services
Multnomah Senior Center	NIKE Employees
Portland Public Schools	SE Portland Rotary
SW Portland Fuchsia Club	Treasure House of Rose Villa
Sunnyside Environmental School	Union Gospel Mission

## FOUNDATIONS, ESTATES

The Bank of America Foundation  
Oregon Community Foundation, Anonymous Fund #13  
The Herbert A. Templeton Foundation  
RBC Foundation, USA



Little friend of Fish



Bi-Mart Food Drive Event



Fish volunteer drivers

## KEY BANK OPENS OFFICE: FOOD BARREL AIDS FISH

When Michelle Bonnette was driving to her assignment as manager of the new Key Bank branch at 43<sup>rd</sup> and Hawthorne, she spotted the "Fish Emergency Service" sign and thought, "Nothing says service to the community along Hawthorne more than that sign." And so it came to pass that Ms. Bonnette included **Fish** in the bank's plans for its grand opening celebration of the new branch. She noted, "The **Fish** mission of 'Neighbor Helping Neighbor' is a concept we share at Key Bank."



The bank placed a **Fish** barrel in the lobby and requested new customers and others to contribute a can of food or some other non-perishable item. In addition, Key Bank pledged 1,000 pounds of food to help the **Fish** families. "Key Bank is an important addition to the Hawthorne community, and we welcome the support," said Gloria Colvin, **Fish** Executive Director.



### PLANT AN EXTRA GARDEN ROW FOR FISH

Surplus produce, from your home or community garden is greatly appreciated. Either bring it to **Fish** or call to have it picked up.

## PEOPLE IN TRANSITION

A young couple – Jon, Teri, and their two children – were just eking out a living when disaster struck. Jon told Stan at **Fish** that Teri has lost her full-time job. He was going to college to finish his degree and working part-time, too. Now, with just five classes left before graduation, they must move to Alaska, where they will live with Jon's brother and family and try to find work. Job opportunities seem to be better there, and Jon hopes to complete work on his degree at the University of Alaska in Anchorage.

Jon responded to Stan's questions and suggestions with mixed emotions. The new plan will not be easy, but it seems to be the only alternative that works for the family. "I thought that he was hopeful but scared," Stan remembers. The food box we gave them will help a lot."



An e-mail came to **Fish** recently:

"I was there recently requesting food and clothing. Actually, I was fortunate to be receiving unemployment benefits, so am able to rent a motel room, but it has no cooking facilities.

"I want to say how much I appreciated you individualizing the food box you gave me to include things that did not require cooking. The food was healthy and high in protein, and you also remembered my service animal, who is most dear to my heart.

As an addiction counselor for 15 years and after raising my grandchildren for 10 years, I never imagined that I would be in this position. Thank you so much for the work you do, and for treating folks with respect, not viewing people as just another number to serve."

— "An appreciative customer"

**IN MEMORY** March - July 2010

Friends and family have made contributions to **Fish** in the names of the following people, both to honor them and to help others. We celebrate their lives.

**Elnora & Karl Kolb** by Karen & David Rudin

**Eric Holmes, Mary Taylor** by Barbara Wagner

**Don Bowers, Sr.**, by Lou-Ann Bowers-Mitchell

**Harry Dubay** by Barbara Dubay

**Leonard Frimoth** by Elmer Frimoth

**Sue Shackelford & Wilbur Scott** by Carolyn Call

**Lutz Clieves** by Christfriede & Carl Larson

**Dr. M. Rahatzad** by Ruth & John Ball

**Gwendolyn Bullock** by Buck Bullock

**Daisy and Robert Hudson** by John Hudson

**John Muller** by Dorinne Ross

**Edna Swan** by Elizabeth & Earl Burdick

**IN HONOR**

**Clarabel Scott** by Carolyn Call

**David & Anita Jensen** by Marge Jensen

**Merrill Mitchell** by Lou Ann Bowers-Mitchell

**Gail Marie** by Ella Leszar

**Naomi Bawker** by Richard Pabst

**Leon & Lois 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** by Ann Fruechete and Doris Klose

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