

FISH PANTRY UPDATE

Things are very different at the Archbold Fish Pantry. With the health and safety of our volunteers and clients in mind, we continue to provide food in various ways to households in need. Some people still prefer to have their groceries delivered. Some others come to the pantry and remain in their vehicles, and volunteers shop for them and place the groceries in their trunks. And still others, wearing masks, prefer to come into the pantry and shop for themselves. Even though we've remained open throughout this pandemic, the number of families coming to the pantry is low. Currently, we have about 60 households receiving assistance each month.

In August we began receiving more calls for rent and utility assistance. Because of Covid, the utility companies and housing managers had to hold off disconnecting and evicting people, and people who haven't been making regular payments are now beginning to panic. Because of the generous financial donations that have come into the pantry over the past few months, the Fish Pantry is in a good position to help many of the families in need.

The volunteers and clients who came into the pantry last month were excited to see and feel the new central air system that was recently installed. What a welcome relief during these hot and humid weeks! The funds for this system and its installation were anonymously donated specifically for this project. And if you've driven past the pantry, you may have seen our new signage at the front of the building.

We would like to resume our monthly church collections and pickups in October. Even if it's not your congregation's month to collect, feel free to collect canned goods, cleaning products, and health and beauty items anyway as our shelves are looking bare. Just give me a call to arrange a time for pickup. I am very limited as to what I am able to purchase locally.

Please keep our clients, many who have significant health issues, and volunteers in your prayers. And thank you for your continued support of our ministry.

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