

The mission of Fisherman's Mark is to strengthen our community. With responsive programs and services that promote stability, health and education, Fisherman's Mark is an advocate for positive change in the lives of our neighbors and their families.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW AT THE MARK – SUMMER FARM STAND

One of the saddest parts of seeing the summer come to end for us here at Fisherman's Mark is saying good-bye to the Farm Stand. Every Wednesday from June-September the front of Fisherman's Mark comes to life with an abundance of fruits and vegetables. As a wonderful way to bypass the stigma of "needing" help, the farm stand is open to the entire community. Each week it offers not only amazing produce but local chefs who demonstrate how to use the abundance; health and wellness educators to teach the benefits of a healthy lifestyle; and healthcare providers to conduct health screenings. It's always a fun and busy time with as many as 80 visitors per week. This year's Farm Stand surveys showed that 70% of our visitors tried new foods they wouldn't usually eat and that they learned wellness facts and tips that they did not previously know.

Our sincerest thanks to the generosity of the following farms who make this all possible: Profeta Farms, Solly's, Trauger, Chickadee Creek, Blue Moon Acres, Roots to River, Tinicum and Sand Brook Meadows, and many more through Rolling Harvest, a Fisherman's Mark partner and local food rescue group. And a huge thank you to our volunteers who work tirelessly to not only make the farm stand look amazing but to create a very warm and welcoming atmosphere.

We are already counting the weeks until we re-open June 2019!





## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Fox & Roach Realtors and Fisherman's Mark – a Mission Partnership.

Volunteers are the backbone of our organization and help us keep overhead down so funding can be directed to our programs. When local businesses become passionate about the mission of Fisherman's Mark, everyone wins. Berkshire Hathaway Home Services, Fox & Roach is one such group; that has taken up the cause of The Mark.

Every month, the Fox & Roach team faithfully assists with truck delivery and Food Pantry stocking. And this year, for their Annual Community Service Day, a team of Fox and Roach employees collected personal hygiene products and emergency essentials and assembled backpacks for the homeless. These backpacks are distributed throughout the year by Fisherman's Mark and are very valuable in establishing a relationship of trust with people in extreme need.

We are so grateful for community minded groups like Fox & Roach who help us meet the needs of our clients!



## SPOTLIGHT ON SUPPORTERS:

There is so much support from the community for Fisherman's Mark. Below is just a sampling of the recent support that keeps us going:

- BHHS/FOX & ROACH TEAM
- CHURCH & DWIGHT EMPLOYEE GIVING FUND
- FEDWAY ASSOCIATES, INC.
- GIANT/MARTIN FOOD STORES – NEW HOPE
- THE HALEY FOUNDATION TO LAMBERTVILLE ACADEMY ENRICHMENT
- INDIVISIBLE OF LAMBERTVILLE/NEW HOPE
- J&J COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF NEW JERSEY

and the many individuals and families who celebrate benchmark birthday's, weddings, anniversaries, etc. by donating to Fisherman's Mark.

YOUR SUPPORT IS WHAT MAKES THIS ALL WORK! **THANK YOU!!**



## MAKING YOUR MARK: MELANIE WILLIAMS & TOM WHITE

This dynamic duo are partners both here at Fisherman's Mark and in their lives outside their volunteer work as well. Melanie began volunteering with The Mark in 2011, when she was looking for something meaningful to fill her schedule after retiring. Tom joined Melanie soon after, working every Wednesday in the Food Pantry and last year, joining the Fisherman's Mark Board of Directors.

Their genuine kindness and respect for our clients comes through as they greet and support food pantry shoppers. They truly embody the Fisherman's Mark "culture of positivity" so essential to our success. Melanie and Tom go way above and beyond their Wednesday pantry shift, re-stocking the pantry, cleaning and organizing the shelves and training new volunteers. In addition, they oversee Pantry inventory and food orders, and coordinate food bank truck deliveries. Thanks to their leadership, food deliveries are efficient, organized, and even fun.



## FURRY FRIENDS BENEFIT FROM FISHERMAN'S MARK!

Research shows that 98% of pet owners consider their pets to be members of the family. Pets reduce stress, anxiety, depression and feelings of loneliness and isolation. Many of our clients at Fisherman's Mark have limited social interactions, and a pet is often a sole companion.

Through our partnership with Lambertville Animal Welfare and the generosity of our donors, we serve nearly 170 pet owners, feeding over 100 animals each month. Pet food can be very costly, and many food pantries are not able offer pet food consistently. The Pet Food Pantry helps reduce the financial strain of pet ownership and in doing so, reduces the likelihood that our neighbors will be forced into a pet surrender due to financial crisis, or to choose to feed their pets over purchasing other necessities.

"I am so very grateful that I can receive food for my cats thanks to Fisherman's Mark. My cats are the only family that I have" says one of our senior clients.





**CASE MANAGEMENT**

An issue-resolution program teaching clients to identify and define issues, set self-defined goals, and develop skills to achieve those goals.



**COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

A community-building program offering the Fisherman's Mark resources and programs to all members of the community, as well as reaching out to increase awareness of our services, broadening the scope and effectiveness of our programs.



**FISHERMAN'S MARK FOOD PANTRY**

Program addressing the issues of food insecurity by offering nutritious food and other necessities free of charge, along with educational programs to promote healthy eating habits.



**INFORMATION, RESOURCE & REFERRAL**

A gateway of resources to assist community members in becoming self-sufficient, providing tools to help them along the way.



**LAMBERTVILLE ACADEMY**

NAEYC accredited, offering Preschool, School-Age and Summer Camp Programs. Open 7am-7pm, Monday-Friday.



**LOS PUENTES**

A Latino advocacy program that recognizes the unique needs of Spanish-speaking communities and bridges them to Fisherman's Mark resources as well as the community-at-large.



**VOLUNTEER PROGRAM**

Provides an opportunity for everyone to become involved in their community by contributing their time and talents to many of the Fisherman's Mark programs.



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