

## WHAT IS FISH?

FISH is a group of volunteers who operate a food cupboard where people can receive free food.

## BACKGROUND

The FISH groups were started in England by Rev. Derek Eastman, an Anglican minister, and Dr. Donald Richards. The guiding principal was to "be a good neighbor." The FISH premise became reality in Santa Rosa in 1973, when we first opened our doors in a local church. FISH had no money but did have about one hundred enthusiastic volunteers. We provided caring, neighborly services, such as transportation, house-sitting, baby-sitting, shopping, home help, hot meals – just about anything a good neighbor would do.

Today, because of the numbers and the over-riding need for food, Santa Rosa FISH is a food cupboard only. We have grown to become the largest independent food pantry in the Redwood Empire.



## WHERE IS FISH LOCATED?

2900 McBride Lane  
Santa Rosa, California 95403

(Near Coddington Mall – Cross  
Street is St. Farm Lane)

## WHEN IS FISH OPEN?

Monday through Friday

10:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Saturday

10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

People must call before they come.

The phone number is:

707-527-5151

## HOW MUCH FOOD IS GIVEN?

We give up to three day's supply of well-balanced food. The amount of food given depends on the number of people in the household.

## WHO CAN COME TO FISH?

Santa Rosa FISH serves people from Santa Rosa as well as all of Sonoma County.



Anyone who is hungry is eligible to come to the cupboard once a month. People are referred to FISH by churches, synagogues, the Redwood Empire Food Bank, social services, the police and ordinary folks who care.



## PEOPLE SERVED BY FISH:

FROM 1973-2015

FISH served 1,401,104 people.

In 2015 alone, FISH served

ADULTS	31,647
CHILDREN	22,216
<u>SENIORS</u>	<u>3,881</u>
TOTAL	57,744

In addition to the above totals, FISH provides excess food to St. Vincent's Dining Room in Santa Rosa.

## HOW IS FISH SUPPORTED?

FISH is supported through donations of food, money and volunteers. Grants have been awarded FISH by local community organizations. Faith organizations, local businesses, groups, grocers and individuals, also provide a great deal of support.

In 2015 we distributed more than 600,000 pounds of food to over 15,000 households

233,420 pounds were purchased from, or donated by the Redwood Empire Food Bank.

12,074 pounds were donated in the postal carrier' food drive from McBride Annex.

390,397 pounds resulted from various local food drives, donations from various food outlets and individual contributions.

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

FISH always needs food and money! The need has steadily increased from 1,844 people served in 1973 to 57,744 in 2015. Bring food directly to the cupboard or mail donations to:

FISH  
PO. Box 4291  
Santa Rosa, California 95402

## FISH BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Jeanne-Marie Jones – Director

Dennis Hansen – Deputy Director

Ronnie Shirley – Manager

Dave Berg – Treasurer

Kaarin Lee – Secretary

Jerry Anderson

Sue Hattendorf

Shirley Norton

Jeff Burton

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Mortuary Eggen & Lance Chapel

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***Of Santa Rosa***

## ***(FRIENDS IN SERVICE HERE)***



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