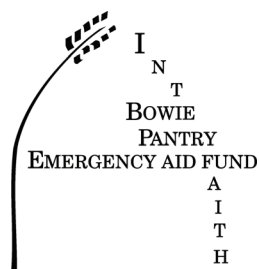


August 2012



Pantry Patter

Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- August 14** Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 3** Labor Day
Closed
- Sept. 11** Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 30** Concert
Fundraiser at St. Matthew's 4:00
- October 6** Bowie
International
Festival
11:00-6:00

	July 2012	June 2012	May 2012	July 2011
<i>Households Served</i>	170	167	216	176
<i>Client Visits</i>	215	216	270	318
<i>New Client Households</i>	14	13	21	28
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	215	196	292	247
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	544	532	682	888
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$20,015	\$20,095	\$25,820	\$33,590
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	44%	50%	48%	42%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	26%	20%	20%	19%

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Special Monthly Distributions

August Special: Shampoo and/or Conditioner

Many of our clients are unable to purchase basic personal care items for their families. Please help us stock up on regular-size shampoo and/or conditioner. Bottles should be new and unopened.

September Special: Cooking Spray/Oil

It isn't easy to cook meals without cooking spray or oil; these are frequently requested items at the pantry. Please help us stock up on this pantry essential. Any kind of cooking spray or oil (olive, vegetable, etc.) would be appreciated.

Our Greatest Needs

- ★ **SOUP**—we really need soup!!!
Tomato, vegetable, beef, chicken, and cream soups
- ✓ Canned beans (all kinds—kidney, black, chick peas, baked, pork & beans)
- ✓ Cereal including oatmeal
- ✓ Tuna fish

Thank You to Our Donation Drop Off Sites

The Pantry has noticed an increase in donations from our drop off sites, listed below. Thank you for allowing us to reach out to those throughout the community.

- Bowie Interfaith Pantry
- Bowie Gymnasium
- Bowie Library
- Bowie Senior Center
- CCPC Narthex
- Every Second Counts Boutique
- Kenhill Center
- Long and Foster (Now in Crofton)
- Melvin Motors
- PNC Bank (Rt. 450 & Stonybrook Dr)
- YMCA (Moylan Drive)

School Supply Collection

Soon, our clients will be picking up backpacks filled with school supplies for their children. Still needed are:

- Crayons
- Glue sticks
- Notebook paper
- 3” 3-ring binders
- Pocket folders
- Backpacks
- Subject dividers
- Graph paper



Recent Food Drives

The Pantry thanks the following for their very successful food drives during the month of **July**:

- DeCaro, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher & DeBlasis
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- Clearfield Estates HOA
- Phoenix Rising

Non-Profit Status

The Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. 95% of pantry donations go directly to assist clients. Tax receipts are available for all donations.

Bowie Farmer's Market

The Pantry now has a booth at the Farmer's Market! Volunteers will be there on Sundays from 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon collecting donations and answering questions.

We are encouraging people to purchase a little extra produce at the market to donate to the pantry. Any monetary donations will be used to purchase food items from the vendors. Be sure to stop by the green tent and say hello.

If you wish to volunteer for a shift on Sunday (8:00-10:00 a.m. or 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon), please e-mail or call the Pantry. *This is a wonderful opportunity for high school students to receive community service hours!*



Volunteers Michaeline, Isabella, and Aiden Gandolph help Director Debbie Langdon collect donations at the Bowie Farmer's Market.

Two More Coolers Needed

We have received a donation of two new coolers which we will use during pantry hours for distribution of yogurt, cheese, and other perishable items. We would appreciate two more coolers to replace our old Styrofoam containers.

Concert to Benefit Pantry

On Sunday, September 30, at 4:00 p.m., St. Matthew's UMC will host a recital by pianist, Dr. Cole Burger of the Levine School. A free-will offering will be taken that will benefit the Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund. *St. Matthew's is located at 14900 Annapolis Road (next to Bowie HS).*

Our Mission

We are a community-based social services program providing emergency food and financial assistance* to those in Bowie and Prince George's County, who are experiencing need - without regard to race, creed or gender. If we are unable to meet the needs, we will make referrals to others who may be able to provide the needed assistance.

To serve with respect, dignity and without discrimination those in need in our community by providing food, financial assistance and other resource referrals.

*Financial assistance is available to residents of the City of Bowie

Shows/Fairs Can Raise Funds for the Pantry

Many of you are familiar with the wonderful photography of Dick Arnold, Pantry volunteer and Executive Board Member. Dick has many beautiful, framed photographs and note cards available for purchase. Checks should be made out to the Bowie Interfaith Pantry; 100% of the money goes to the pantry.

If your group/organization is having a craft fair, fall market, or similar event where Dick could have a table to display his photos and note cards, we would be most appreciative. Dick also has copies of his book "Backyard Treasures" available for a donation of \$30. For more information, please contact Dick directly at 301-908-6088.



The photos above are examples of the beautiful artwork that Dick has framed and sells at area fairs and festivals to benefit the Pantry.

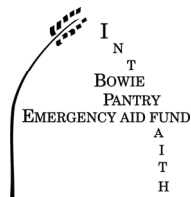
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Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00–11:00 a.m.
2nd Tuesday of each month 6:00–7:00 p.m.

The Pantry is located in the Education Building behind Christian Community Presbyterian Church.