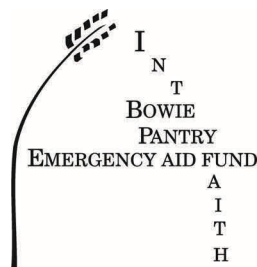


December 2012



Pantry Patter

Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

Dec 11 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Christmas Food Basket/Toy Distribution

Dec 19 9-11am by
*appointment only**

Dec 20 5-7 pm by
*appointment only**

Dec 21 9-11am by
*appointment only**

Dec 24 CLOSED

Dec 26 CLOSED

Dec 31 CLOSED

Households Served

Client Visits

New Client Households

Children Under Age of 18

Bags of Groceries

Value of Food Distributed

Percent to City of Bowie Residents

Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents

	November 2012	October 2012	October 2011	November 2011
<i>Households Served</i>	198	236	208	198
<i>Client Visits</i>	244	285	268	250
<i>New Client Households</i>	23	42	25	26
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	256	296	284	270
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	620	696	671	846
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$25,135	\$27,405	\$25,265	\$23,325
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	40%	38%	51%	51%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	23%	19%	20%	18%

Special Monthly Distributions

December Special: Holiday Basket Food Items

The Pantry will be putting together dinner baskets for Christmas. Donations of holiday basket food items would be appreciated—see the list on page 2.

Inside this Issue:

- Holiday Dinner Baskets
- Toy Collection
- Scouting for Food Drive
- Adopt-a-Shelf Program

* Christmas Food Basket/Toy Distribution by Appointment Only

- All clients have signed up for a specific date/time
- No walk-ins
- No new client registrations
- No financial requests processed
- Donations will be accepted

Toy Collection

Preparations are under way for our annual “toy room.” Our moms and dads stop in and pick out a toy for each of their children as well as stocking stuffers. Donations of new or nearly new toys are now being accepted.



We also need wrapping paper, tags, bows, gift bags, etc. Some of our families are adopted by groups, but there are many more children who need our help. **Items should be brought to the Pantry no later than December 17.**

Our children range in age from infant to 18; especially needed are items for teenagers.

Adopt-a-Shelf Program

The eighth grade students of St. Pius X Regional School have adopted the SOUP shelf. Students, teachers, and parents walked to the Pantry on November 20 to deliver their first donation of much needed soup!

Each client household receives 4 or 8 cans of soup each visit; we are grateful to the eighth graders who will keep a steady supply of soup coming during the next few months.

Holiday Basket Food Items

The Pantry will be putting together dinner baskets for Christmas. Donations of any of the following items would be appreciated! All basket items should be brought to the Pantry by December 17 so we can purchase any additional items needed. Please let us know **ahead** of time if you are planning to donate any of the perishable items.

- Boxed instant mashed potatoes
- Stuffing
- Canned mushroom soup
- French fried onion pieces
- Cranberry sauce
- Gravy
- Pumpkin pie mix (**not pure pumpkin!**)
- Fruit pie filling
- Boxed pie crust mix
- Hot chocolate
- Hot apple cider packets
- Marshmallows
- Pancake mix
- Syrup
- Canned yams
- Snacks—salty or sweet!
- Fresh fruit
- Holiday paper products



Perishable items: turkeys, chickens, hams, eggs, butter, dinner rolls

Note: Individuals and groups may also put together holiday baskets for donation to the Pantry!

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.

Scouting for Food Drive

The annual Scouting for Food Drive took place on November 10, 2012. Many thanks to all those who left bags of food at their doors for the scouts to pick up. The Pantry appreciates all the hard work and effort put forth by the following troops and packs who made this food drive a success:

Troop 1009	Pack 403
Troop 1046	Pack 730
Troop 1249	Pack 1040
Troop 1283	Pack 1046
Troop 1559	Pack 1559
Troop 1660	Pack 1660
Sea Scout Ship 1009	Pack 1688

A special thank you to all the Scout leaders who helped make this possible. The Pantry depends on this food drive to fill our shelves in November and to have stock in reserve for future weeks.

Christmas Stocking Raffle

Stop by the Bowie Shell Station and purchase a raffle ticket to win an 8 foot Christmas stocking filled with lots of toys! Tickets are \$1.00 and all proceeds will be donated to the Pantry.



Thanksgiving 2012

Thanks to the generosity of many, 180 Pantry families were able to enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. This is an increase from the 137 families served in 2011. We are grateful to all those who donated and/or delivered Thanksgiving food baskets and turkeys:

- Boy Scout Troop 1009
- Collington Life Care Community
- Girl Scout Troop 2994
- SHARE
- St. Pius X Church - Families Helping Families Program
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Unity Center of Light
- Individual Donors

Special thanks to the Prince George's County Police Explorers and Boy Scout Troop 1009 who helped prepare some of the baskets.

The Pantry also would like to thank Applebee's Restaurant and Mount Oak Church for cooking and serving Thanksgiving dinner to many of our families this year. We are grateful to everyone who reached out to help the hungry in our community.

Our Mission

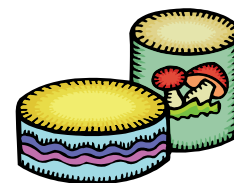
We are a community-based social services program providing emergency food and financial assistance* to those in Bowie and Prince George's County, who are experiencing need - without regard to race, creed or gender. If we are unable to meet the needs, we will make referrals to others who may be able to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

Recent Food Drives

- Adventure Dental
- American Legion Auxiliary Disney Bell Unit 66
- Asphalt Angels
- Block Party/Nickel Plate Road Band
- Bowie Boys and Girls Club
- Bowie Hockey Club - Peewee AA Team
- Bowie Senior Center
- Bowie Senior Chorale
- Building Hope Ministries
- City of Bowie Gym
- The Country Club at Woodmore
- Cresthill Baptist Church
- Crofton Bowling Center
- Ettienne's Premier Pediatric Care, LLC
- Girl Scout Troop 2370
- Grove Heating and Air Conditioning
- The Haunt at Sunrise Farm
- Imagine Yoga & Wellness Center
- Patuxent Nursery
- Red Hot Mamas of Bowie
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- Total Wellness Chiropractic Center
- UMD/Institute for Governmental Services & Research
- Washington East District United Methodist Women
- ZooTastic
- Belair Cooperative Nursery - 4/5 year olds
- Belair Cooperative Nursery - 4 year olds
- Benjamin Tasker MS/SERVE
- Bowie High School - NHS
- Bowie High School - Summit 10
- Bowie State University - Honor Society
- Bowie State University - Lampinette Club
- Dwight D. Eisenhower MS - NJHS
- Elizabeth Seton High School
- Eleanor Roosevelt High School
- Grace Christian School
- Harbour School
- High Bridge Elementary
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School - PreSchool and Kindergarten
- Magnolia Elementary
- Rockledge Elementary
- St. Pius X Regional School -Kindergarten
- Whitehall Elementary



Thank You to Our Newest Donation Drop Off Sites

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

- Dry Clean Depot
- Parcel Express

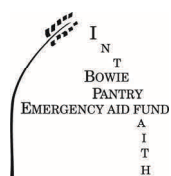
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Hours:

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.