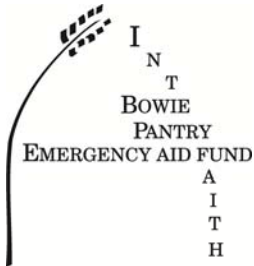


February 2015



Pantry Patter

Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- Feb 10 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Feb 16 President's Day
Pantry is OPEN
- Feb 24 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Feb 28 **OPEN HOUSE**
10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
- Mar 1 4th Annual Felix
Lamrouex Memorial
BIRC Bowling
Fundraiser
- Mar 28 Bowie 5K Run/2 Mile
Run/Walk 8:00 a.m.
Bowie Town Center

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*

	December 2014	November 2014	November 2013	December 2013
<i>Households Served</i>	302	299	258	246
<i>Client Visits</i>	391	354	304	287
<i>New Client Households</i>	23	36	29	18
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	326	335	294	295
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	964	862	736	701
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$36,613	\$33,055	\$29,765	\$28,855
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	45%	43%	45%	38%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	21%	22%	19%	21%

Weather Closings:

If Prince George's County Public Schools are **CLOSED**, the Pantry will be **CLOSED**.

If PGCPs open **2 hours late**, the Pantry will be open from **10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**.

If PGCPs close early or cancel afternoon/evening activities on a **Tuesday**, the Pantry will be **CLOSED**.

Open House: Saturday, February 28

Not able to visit the Pantry during the week? Want to see our facility, ask questions, meet the director and some of our dedicated volunteers? Then please join us on Saturday, February 28, from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Light refreshments will be served. Please park in the back of Kenhill Center nearest the Pantry and enter through the Pantry doors. We look forward to seeing you!

Greatest Needs

The items most needed at the Pantry are:

Canned soup, canned fruit, peanut butter, jelly, boxed potatoes/sides

November 2014 in Review

Scouting Food Drive

The Annual Scouting for Food Drive took place on November 8, 2014. Many thanks to all those who left bags of food at their doors. The Pantry appreciates all the hard work and effort put forth by the Scouts who made this food drive such a great success.

A special thank you to all the Scout leaders who made this possible. It takes a lot of coordination, manpower, and dedication to make this drive a success year after year. The Pantry relies on this food drive to stock our shelves in November.



Thanksgiving 2014

Thanks to the generosity of so many in our community, 209 families were able to enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner. We are grateful to all those who donated and/or delivered Thanksgiving food baskets and turkeys:

- All Saints Lutheran Church
- Apostolic Breakthrough International Ministries
- Bowie Health Center
- Bowie High School - NHS
- Boy Scout Troop 1099
- Boy Scout Troop 1212
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Collington Life Care Community
- Fairwood Community Association
- Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church—Hunger Committee
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School
- MOMs Club Bowie North
- MOMs Club Bowie South
- New Horizons
- Quality Business Services
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- St. Pius X Church - Families Helping Families Program
- Skinny Print
- State Farm Insurance Agency - Angela Yancey
- Third Generation Cipriano Plumbing
- Unity Center of Light
- Individual Donors

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.

Special Thanks

Thanks to the following who donated/collected food/money on behalf of the Pantry in November:

- Belair Cooperative Nursery
- Belair Engineering
- Bowie City Church
- Bowie-Crofton Garden Club
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie State University - College of Business Ambassadors & The Finance & Economics Club
- Boy Scout Troop 1688
- Building Hope Ministries
- Celestial Manna
- City of Bowie Gymnasium
- CMIT Academy - NHS
- Crofton Bowling Centre
- Curves—Glenn Dale
- DeCaro, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher & Deblasis, LLP
- Ebenezer United Methodist Church
- Emmaus Group
- Fairwood Community Association
- First Community Church UCC
- Geek Chick Soap
- Girl Scout Troop 2370
- Girl Scout Troop 1019
- Girl Scout Troop 2539
- Girl Scout Troop 992
- Girl Scout Troop 3672
- The Goddard School
- It's All About the Hair
- Jack and Jill of America
- Kaiser Permanente
- Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity—Bowie/ Mitchellville (MD) Alumni
- Kratos Technology & Training Solutions
- Law Office of Gabriel J. Christian & Associates, LLC
- Magnolia Elementary School
- Marantha Adventist Fellowship
- McChesney & Dale, P.C./Omni Building
- Microsoft Matching Gifts
- MIL Corporation
- MOMs Club Bowie South
- Northridge Community
- Positive Sisterhood Social Club - PG Chapter
- Preceptor Lambda Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi
- Prince George's County Sports & Learning Complex
- Quality Business Services
- Reid Temple Christian Academy - Mandarin Kindergarten
- Rockledge Elementary School
- Samuel Ogle Middle School
- Shoppers Food Warehouse
- Southern Comforters Quilt Guild
- Team Illusion - First Robotics Team
- Third Generation Cipriano Plumbing
- TOPS MD 55
- Total Wellness Chiropractic
- Tulip Grove Elementary
- Whitehall Elementary School
- Zumba Fitness



Girl Scout Troop 1052 made and donated scarves of many colors to the Pantry. Thank you for keeping our clients warm and stylish!

December 2014 in Review

Christmas 2014

150 families were provided Christmas dinner baskets through the Pantry. Baskets included a choice of meat—ham, turkey, chicken; fresh vegetables, sides, dessert, and many other goodies! We thank all those who donated food and/or completed baskets including:

- Fairwood Community Association
- Public Safety Assistance Program
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- Countless Individual Donors

Trees

The Bowie Lions Club donated 2 live trees, stands, lights and decorations to the pantry. The trees were given to two families with children. The families were thrilled to receive them and so grateful for your thoughtfulness. They would not have had a tree without your generosity.



Toy Room

Moms and Dads were able to select toys and gifts for 118 children this year. We are most grateful to all those who provided gifts for the children this year:

- St. Pius X Church - Giving Tree Program
- Bowie City Church
- City of Bowie Police Department
- Kaiser Permanente
- Sanctuary at Fairwood HOA
- MOMs Club of North Bowie
- Berg, Lawrence, and Weng
- Emmaus Group
- Countless Individual Donors

Adoptions

Many of our families were adopted by groups this year - 43 families and 95 children. We thank the following who provided gifts and/or food to pantry clients:

- Christian Community Presbyterian Church - both gifts and food baskets
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- St. Pius X Cub Scout Pack 730
- Shop with a Cop
- Beta Sigma Phi (Xi Alpha Phi) Sorority
- Individual Families

Employees of NASA Federal Credit Union collected over 3,000 lbs of food for the pantry. We look forward to seeing the employees and filled vans pull up each year - their hard work goes a long way to stocking our shelves. Job well done!

December Food Drives

A special thank you to the following who donated/collected food and/or money on behalf of the Pantry during the month of December:

- Adventure Dental
- American Chemical Society
- Angel Stamping Group
- Benjamin Tasker Middle School
- Blue Skys Stable
- Bowie City Church
- Bowie High School - NHS
- Bowie Hockey Club
- Bowie Ladies Golf Association
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Senior Chorale
- Bowie Senior Writers
- Bowie Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad
- Celestial Manna
- City of Bowie Parks and Grounds Department
- Colonial Handbell Ringers
- Curves - Glenn Dale
- DARCARS Ford
- Fairwood Community Association
- Girl Scout Troop 992
- Girl Scout Troop 2539
- Honey Bee Photography
- It's All About The Hair
- Jack and Jill of America - PG Chapter
- Jewelz of Jordan
- Kaiser Permanente
- Kenilworth Elementary School
- Law Offices of Gabriel J. Christian & Associates, LLC
- McChesney & Dale, P.C./Omni Building
- Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
- Montepelier Arts Center
- NASA Federal Credit Union
- NASA GSFC - JPSS Ground Project
- Northridge Community
- OT/PT Departments - Prince George's County Schools
- Old Stage Knolls HOA
- Peapod
- Restoration Praise Center SDA Church
- Restoration Temple Church of God in Christ
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Women
- The Sanctuary at Fairwood HOA
- Southern Comforters of Bowie
- Total Wellness Chiropractic
- Weichert Realtors
- Wilson, Elser, Moskowitz, Edelman & Dicker, LLP
- Woodmore Highlanders HOA

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

Special Thanks to Our Year Round Donors

We thank the following churches and temple who donate food/money to the pantry regularly. Without your continued and steadfast support, the Pantry would not be able to feed the hungry in our community.

- All Saints Lutheran Church
- Apostolic Breakthrough International Ministries
- Ascension Catholic Church
- Bowie Church of Christ
- Bowie City Church
- Christ Community Church
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- Church of the Redeemer
- Cresthill Baptist Church
- Ebenezer United Methodist Church
- Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Mount Nebo Church
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- Temple Solel
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light
- Village Baptist Church

Our Individual Donors

The Pantry would like to thank all those individuals and families in the Bowie area who support the Pantry throughout the year. Each week we receive donations of money, food, personal care items, and paper products from residents in the area. Whether you bring your donation to the pantry or drop it off at one of our donation sites or local churches or temple, we appreciate your support. Every single item that you donate makes a huge difference. We could not do this labor of love without you!

Local Stores and Restaurants

The Pantry would like to thank the following stores and restaurants who donate food to the Pantry throughout the year:

- The Cakery
- B. J.'s Warehouse
- Giant Food - Free State Mall
- Giant Food - Collington
- Jersey Mike's
- MOM's Organic Market
- Walmart
- Wegman's - Waugh Chapel

"Food Donation Connection" coordinates pick-ups from:

- Chipotle

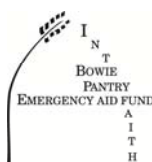
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Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00–11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month 6:00–7:00 p.m.

The Pantry is now located in the blue building behind the Kenhill Center. Park in the back parking lot and enter through the blue building.