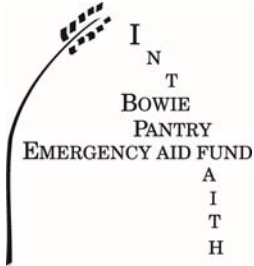


January–
February 2018



Pantry Patter

Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- Feb 13 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Feb 19 President's Day
Pantry is OPEN
- Feb 27 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- March 13 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.

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 2017	November 2017	December 2016	November 2016
<i>Households Served</i>	300	299	335	333
<i>Client Visits</i>	358	363	418	406
<i>New Client Households</i>	25	24	19	21
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	210	232	293	289
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	720	736	838	820
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$25,710	\$26,125	\$30,035	\$29,410
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	46%	47%	49%	50%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	20%	19%	16%	13%

Weather Closings:

If Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) are CLOSED, the Pantry is CLOSED.

If PGCPS open 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.

Greatest Needs

- Canned Meats (chicken, chili, corned beef hash)
- Low salt/no salt canned vegetables
- Granola Bars
- Condiments (Ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, etc.)

Sad News

Inez Stritzinger, our oldest volunteer, passed away on January 14. Inez "Mom" was a valued member of our volunteer corps. We will miss her bright smile and many hugs.

Scouting Food Drive

The Annual Scouting for Food Drive took place on November 11, 2017. The Pantry appreciates all the hard work and effort by the scouts who placed bags on neighborhood doors and collected the food donations. A special thank you to all the Scout leaders and parents who make this event a priority year after year. It takes a lot of coordination, manpower, and dedication to make this drive a success. We look forward to the Scouting for Food Drive each year to fill our shelves until the holiday food drives begin. Many thanks to all who left bags of food for the scouts to pick up; your generosity is much appreciated.



Members of Troop 1009 helped collect and sort donations during the Scouting for Food Drive. They also delivered Thanksgiving food baskets to families the following week.



Garden Summary 2017

Our families enjoyed a bountiful harvest from the Pantry Community Garden. Many thanks to the 15 volunteers who worked an estimated 236 hours in the garden. Volunteers prepped the soil, planted, watered, weeded, and harvested. The garden yielded 4,252 units (numbers, bags, bunches) of vegetables and herbs valued at \$3,935. The garden produced a variety of vegetables and herbs such as cucumbers, peppers, squash, mint and basil.

Thanksgiving 2017

Thanks to the generosity of so many in our community, 173 families enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. We are grateful to all those who donated and/or delivered Thanksgiving food baskets and turkeys:

- Bowie Youth and Family Services
- Boy Scout Troop 1009
- Buffalo Soldier Motorcycle Club of MD, Fdn.
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Chosen Generation Church
- City of Bowie Police Department
- Enlightened Church of Bowie
- Fairwood Community Association
- Faith Fellowship Church
- Girl Scout Troop 6486
- The Historic Prince George's Rotary Club
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- New Beginnings Community Church
- St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- St. Pius X Church – Families Helping Families Program
- TJ Maxx
- T-Rex Solutions, LLC
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light
- Youth and Family Services
- Youth Leadership Bowie
- Individual Donors

Non-Profit Status

The Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. 93% of pantry donations go directly to assist clients. Tax receipts are available for all donations.

Christmas 2017

135 families picked up Christmas dinner baskets at the Pantry. Baskets included a choice of meat - ham, turkey, chicken; fresh vegetables, sides, and dessert. We thank all those who donated food and/or completed baskets including:

- Chosen Generation Church
- Prince George's County Public Safety Assistance Program
- Sound Body Solutions, Inc.
- Countless Individual Donors

Trees

The Bowie Lions Club donated 2 live trees including decorations to two of our families. Thanks to all who helped make the holiday more festive for these families. They were overjoyed by your generosity.

Toy Room

Moms and Dads were able to select toys/gifts for 63 children; another 83 children received stocking stuffers. We are most grateful to all those who provided gifts for the children this year:

- Bowie City Church
- The Fun Bunch at The Willows
- Knit Wits
- MOMs Club of Bowie
- St. Pius X Giving Tree
- Individual donors

Adoptions

Many of our families were adopted by groups this year - 125 children in all. We thank the following who provided gifts and/or food to Pantry clients:

- All Saints Lutheran Church
- Beta Sigma Phi (Xi Alpha Phi) Sorority
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church - both gifts and food baskets
- City of Bowie Police Department
- Girl Scout Troop 2386
- Home Depot
- Kenilworth Women's Club
- New Beginnings Community Church
- Northridge Community
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- St. Pius X Cub Scout Pack 730
- T-Rex Solutions, LLC
- Individual Donors



Members of the Buffalo Soldier Motorcycle Club of MD Foundation donated 20 frozen turkeys for our Thanksgiving baskets.



Members of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc held their annual food drive at WalMart; it was a great success!

November/December/January Food Drives

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

- ADT Security Services
- All Saints Lutheran Church
- American Legion Disney Bell Unit 66 - Ladies Auxiliary
- Apostolic Breakthrough Ministries, Int'l.
- Ascension Catholic Church - St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Auto Plus Auto Parts
- Belair Baptist Church
- Belair Cooperative Nursery School
- Bethel Church
- Blue Skys Farm
- Bowie Baysox
- Bowie Church of Christ
- Bowie City Church
- Bowie Community Theatre
- Bowie High School - Ladies with Class
- Bowie High School - NHS
- Bowie High School - Science Department
- Bowie Ice Arena
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Senior Chorale
- Bowie Volunteer Fire Department - Santa Rides
- Boy Scout Troop 1283
- Bridge Tutorial Ministries
- Building Hope Ministries
- Charlie Hochman Fund
- Chesapeake Chorale
- Chosen Generation Church
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- City of Bowie Outreach Committee
- City of Bowie Parks and Grounds Department
- Collington Outreach Committee
- Comcast
- Cresthill Baptist Church
- Cub Scout Pack 1040
- Curves - Glenn Dale
- DeCaro, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher & Deblasis, LLP
- Delta Sigma Theta, Inc./PG County Alumnae Chapter
- Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary
- Dixon Crossing Turkey Trot Team
- Ebenezer United Methodist Church
- Elite Orthodontics
- Enlightened Church of Bowie
- Faith Fellowship Church
- Fairwood Community Association
- First Lutheran Church of Bowie
- The Garfield Apartments
- Giant Pharmacy & Associates (Laurel)
- The Goddard School
- Gold's Gym
- Good Hope Farmstead
- Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Mount Nebo Church
- Greater Suburban Maryland (GSM) Group
- Haunted House - Patuxent Terror
- Heritage Learning Center

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Employees of NASA FCU collected over 5,000 lbs of food for the Pantry.

November/December/January Food Drives, continued

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- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church & School
- Home Depot
- It's All About the Hair
- The Ivy Community Charities of PG County
- Jack and Jill of America - PG County Chapter
- Johnson Martial Arts & Fitness Center
- Joy of Worship Ministries
- Kaiser Permanente
- Kenilworth Elementary School
- Knit Wits
- Kratos Integral Systems Int'l
- The Lodge at Marlton Resident Council
- Long and Foster Realty
- Magnolia Elementary School
- Money One FCU
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- NASA Federal Credit Union
- Northridge Community
- Oak Creek Ladies Golf Association
- Pediatric Dental Group
- Peraton, Inc.
- Planet Fitness
- PG Community College - Office of Student Engagement & Leadership
- PG County Public Schools - Occupational & Physical Therapy Office
- PG Philharmonic
- Quality Business Services
- RCCG, House of Favor
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church
- Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- Saint Matthew's United Methodist Church
- Saint Matthew's UMC—Agape Circle
- Saint Theodore Greek Orthodox Church
- SKC Early Education Centers
- Smith & Associates
- Sons of American Legion Post 66
- Southern Comforters Quilt Guild
- Springdale Community Church
- Temple Solel
- Themba Creative Learning Center
- This Generation Ministries
- Thomas Johnson Middle School
- Toyota of Bowie
- Top Ladies of Distinction
- TOPS MD 55
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light
- Victory Bible Service
- Village Baptist Church
- Washington New Church School
- Weichert Realtors
- Woodmore Highlands
- Xi Alpha Phi (Beta Sigma Phi)
- Xi Phi
- Youth Leadership Bowie

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

Our Individual Donors

The Pantry would like to thank all those individuals and families 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 donate money, 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 difference. We could not do this labor of love without you!



A big thumbs up for everyone who contributed to the Planet Fitness donation!



Students of Bridge Tutorial Ministries (Economics Class) raised funds for the food pantry by selling hot chocolate. What a yummy way to help the hungry!



Instead of gifts, William asked his friends and family to donate food to the Bowie Food Pantry. Happy Birthday, William!

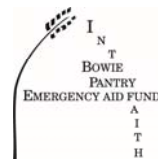


Thanks to everyone in the community who donated to Santa as he rode through the neighborhood—we received 17 full shopping carts of food!

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Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am–12:00 noon
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month 6:00–7:00 pm

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