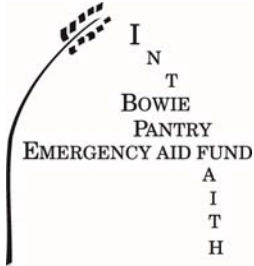


January–
February 2020



Pantry Patter

Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- Jan 14 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Jan 20 MLK Day
Pantry is OPEN
- Jan 28 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Feb 11 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Feb 17 President's Day
Pantry is OPEN
- Feb 25 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- March 10 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 2019	November 2019	December 2018	November 2018
<i>Households Served</i>	269	256	241	269
<i>Client Visits</i>	332	305	288	327
<i>New Client Households</i>	14	19	19	16
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	241	214	169	212
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	662	608	568	644
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$23,630	\$21,525	\$21,110	\$22,995
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	42%	46%	43%	47%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	19%	18%	21%	18%

Greatest Needs

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**.

- Low salt/no salt canned soups and vegetables
- Canned fruit and applesauce
- Condiments (Ketchup, mustard, salad dressing, etc.)

Reminder:

Please check the expiration dates on your donation—we cannot accept expired food. Thank you!

Scouting Food Drive

The Annual Scouting for Food Drive took place on November 9, 2019. 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.



Scouts and pantry volunteers sort through donations collected during the annual Scouting for Food Drive.

Thanksgiving 2019

Thanks to the generosity of so many in our community, 144 families enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving dinner. We are grateful to all those who donated and/or delivered Thanksgiving food baskets and turkeys:

- Apostolic Breakthrough Ministries International
- Bowie Youth and Family Services
- Boy Scout Troop 1009
- Buffalo Soldiers of MD Foundation, Inc.
- C & C Superstars/C & C Dance Company
- DeCaro, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher & DeBlasis, LLP
- FTI Consulting
- The Goddard School of Bowie
- The Rotary Club of Prince George's County
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School
- St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- St. Pius X Catholic Church - Families Helping Families Program
- T-Rex Solutions, LLC
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light
- Individual Donors



The Buffalo Soldiers of MD Foundation, Inc. donated frozen turkeys for our Thanksgiving baskets.



C & C Superstars/C & C Dance Company donated beautiful Thanksgiving baskets for our families.

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 2019

155 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:

- Prince George's County Public Safety Assistance Program
- Individual Donors

Trees

The Bowie Lions Club donated 4 live trees including decorations for our families. Thanks to all who helped make the holiday more festive for these families. They were overjoyed by your generosity.

Christmas Stockings

Our adult clients enjoyed receiving filled stockings this year. Stockings were filled with many items including puzzle books, candies, tissues, and lotion. Many thanks to the following who provided these gifts:

- Mount Oak United Methodist Church—Best Years Group
- United Parish of Bowie
- Isabella & Friends

Warm Clothing

A warm thank you to those who donated hats, scarves, gloves, mittens, sweatshirts and PJs for all our families.

- Belair Cooperative Nursery School
- The Fun Bunch at The Willows
- Girl Scout Troop 2386
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church



Members of United Parish of Bowie/Seeds shopped for and delivered toys for our annual toy room.

Toy Room

Moms and Dads were able to select toys/gifts for 93 children this year. We are grateful to all those who provided gifts for the children this year:

- Bowie City Church
- Bowie MOM's Club
- Enlightened Church
- NASA Goddard OCFO
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- St. Pius X Catholic Church
- Unity Center of Light
- United Parish of Bowie—Seeds
- Individual donors

Adoptions

Many of our families were adopted by groups and individuals this year - 115 children in all. We thank the following who provided gifts and/or food to Pantry clients:

- All Saints Lutheran Church
- Burley Insurance
- DeCaro, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher & Deblasis, LLP
- Faith Fellowship Church
- FTI Consulting
- Girl Scout Troop 2386
- Kenilworth Women's Club
- NASA Goddard OCFO
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- St. Pius X Cub Scout Pack 730
- Shop with a Cop
- Individuals



Chick-fil-A Bowie Marketplace donated 586 free-entree cards from their Delivery for a Cause program held in November.

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
- AllCare of Bowie
- All Saints Lutheran Church
- American Legion Disney Bell Unit 66 - Ladies Auxiliary
- Apostolic Breakthrough International Ministries
- Ascension Catholic Church & St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Belair Cooperative Nursery School
- Biology Club of PG Community College
- Blue Skys Stable
- The Bowen Apartments
- Bowie Baysox
- Bowie Boys and Girls Club (Blazers)
- Bowie Community Center
- Bowie High School - NHS
- Bowie High School - PBIS Team
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Recreation Council
- Bowie Victory Christian Ministries International
- Bowie Volunteer Fire Department - Santa Rides
- Brownie Troop 2364
- Charlie Hochman Fund
- Chesapeake Chorale
- Chick-fil-A
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- The Church at Bowie
- CISION, Inc.
- City of Bowie Gymnasium
- City of Bowie Ice Arena
- City of Bowie Outreach Committee
- Collington CCRC Outreach Committee
- Colonial Handbell Ringers
- Cresthill 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
- Enlightened Church of Bowie
- Faith Fellowship Church
- The Fun Bunch at The Willows
- Giant Food Pharmacy #340 & Associates (Laurel)
- Girl Scout Troop 2004
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Graham Technologies
- Greater Mount Nebo AME Church
- Greater Suburban Maryland (GSM) Group/Jack & Jill of America
- Herring Sisters
- High Bridge Elementary School - NEHS
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church & School
- IMRG
- It's All About the Hair
- Jack & Jill of America/Prince George's County Chapter
- Jazzercise of Bowie
- Kenilworth Women's Club
- Kratos Integral Systems Int'l
- Latter Day Saints Seminary Class
- Magnolia Elementary School
- Money One FCU

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Employees of NASA Federal Credit Union collected and delivered over 6800 lbs of food this holiday season.

November/December/January Food Drives, continued

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- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- NASA Federal Credit Union
- NBC4/T44
- New Beginnings Community Church
- Nia and Ntombi Adventures
- Northridge Community
- Oak Creek Ladies Golf Association
- Patuxent Terror
- Prince George’s Community Television
- Prince George’s Parks and Rec Sharks Swim Team
- Quality Business Services
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- The Rotary Club of Prince George’s County
- Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church
- Saint Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- Saint Matthew’s United Methodist Church
- St. Pius X Catholic Church
- Saint Theodore Greek Orthodox Church
- Singlefaith
- Smith & Associates
- Sons of American Legion Post 66
- Sound Body Solutions
- Southern Comforters Quilt Guild
- Springdale Community Church
- State Burner’s Motorcycle Club
- Temple Solel
- Themba Creative Learning Center
- This Generation Ministries
- T-Rex Solutions

- Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc.
- Toyota of Bowie
- Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light
- Washington New Church
- Wise Woman
- Weichert Realtors
- Woodmore Highlands HOA
- Zeta Amicae of Prince George’s County



CISION employees collected 2,051.5 lbs of food for the pantry!



Members of Delta Sigma Theta, Inc./PG County Alumnae Chapter collected food donations at the Bowie Walmart in November.

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 only available to residents of the City of Bowie

Bowie Food Pantry Garden: 2019 Summary



The garden was expanded to include a sunny 16' by 45' section adjacent to the previous garden plot. The garden now includes 2,520 sq ft of gardening space. A team of 17 volunteers led by John Teasdale planned the garden, prepped the soil, planted, weeded, watered, harvested, and so much more throughout the spring, summer, and fall.

Our volunteer gardeners are simply amazing; they worked tirelessly at all hours of the day to make sure our garden was the best and it is! We can't thank John Teasdale enough for his leadership and vision in making this a signature program of the Pantry. Be sure to stop by this spring and summer to visit our garden.

Many thanks to the volunteer gardeners: Jean Bradshaw, Peggy Brow, Madonna Chernesky,

Pam Fleming, Sue Goldberg, Brian Gollsneider, Bob Kellaway, Sue Livera, Ken McCaughey, Patty McCaughey, Annellen Moore, Chandrika Prasad, Martha Schmidt, John Teasdale, Verna Teasdale, Joshua Wooten and Becky Yoblin.

Their efforts yielded 8,188 units of vegetables valued at \$7,098. This was the biggest harvest to date. Our families enjoyed selecting fresh produce which included lettuce, greens, Swiss chard, cucumbers, several varieties of peppers, tomatoes, sweet potatoes, green beans and herbs.

The Pantry also thanks the following organizations who support the garden:

- Bowie-Crofton Garden Club
- City of Bowie, Kenhill Center
- City of Bowie, Parks and Grounds
- Boy Scout Troop 403

Planning is underway for the 2020 garden, so if you would like to volunteer, please let us know.

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!



Employees of FTI Consulting participated in our holiday programs this year. They assembled and donated Thanksgiving baskets and adopted several children for Christmas gifts.

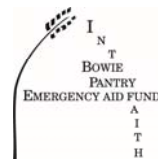
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Hours:

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.