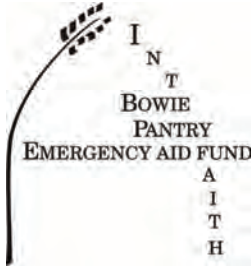


January 2016



# Pantry Patter

## Pantry Statistics

### Upcoming Events:

- Jan 26 Evening Hours  
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Feb 9 Evening Hours  
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Feb 15 President's Day  
*Pantry is OPEN*
- Feb 23 Evening Hours  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

	December 2015	November 2015	October 2015	December 2014
<i>Households Served</i>	342	353	354	302
<i>Client Visits</i>	431	419	447	391
<i>New Client Households</i>	28	37	24	23
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	326	291	314	326
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	971	932	1,016	964
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$37,520	\$36,905	\$40,055	\$36,613
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	46%	45%	42%	45%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	19%	15%	20%	21%

### 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

The items most needed at the Pantry are:

- Canned Soup
- Canned Fruit
- Cereal
- Jelly
- Canned Salmon/Clams
- Chili
- Corned Beef Hash
- Granola Bars

## November 2015 in Review

### Scouting Food Drive

It takes a lot of coordination, manpower, and dedication to make this food drive a success year after year. A special thank you to the scouts and their leaders who make this possible. We also want to thank everyone who donated food. This is our biggest food drive of the year and comes at a time when our shelves are empty.



### Thanksgiving 2015

Thanks to the generosity of so many in our community, 207 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
- BJ's Warehouse
- Boy Scout Troop 1009
- Bowie-Crofton Garden Club
- Bowie Youth & Family Services
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- Chosen Generation Church
- City of Bowie Police Department
- Collington Life Care Community
- Faith Fellowship Church
- Girl Scout Troop 2432
- The Goddard School
- Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- St. Pius X Church - Families Helping Families Program
- Skinny Print
- Unity Center of Light
- Wegmans
- Individual Donors

*Members of PGCAC-Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. collected a truck-full of food at a local Walmart. The group has adopted our canned carrots shelf and donated 100s of cans in November and December.*



### 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:

- American Chemical Society
- American Legion Disney Bell Unit 66 - Ladies Auxiliary
- Belair Cooperative Nursery School
- Belair Engineering
- Blue Skys Farm
- Bowie Center for the Performing Arts
- Bowie-Crofton Garden Club
- Bowie High School - PTSO
- Bowie Ice Rink
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Senior Citizens Club
- Bowie State University - Criminal Justice Club & National Society of Leadership & Success
- Boy Scout Troop 1559
- Building Hope Ministries
- Church of the Redeemer
- Church World Service
- Chesapeake Math & IT Academy
- Crofton Bowling Centre
- Curves of Glenn Dale
- DeCaro, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher & Deblasis, LLP
- Echelon Technologies, Inc. LLC
- Friends of Fred Robinson
- Girl Scout Troop 1019
- Girl Scout Troop 2713
- Girl Scout Troop 3672
- Girl Scout Troop 2997
- Greater Suburban Maryland (GSM) Group
- Haunted House - Jumbelick Family
- It's All About the Hair
- Jack and Jill of America
- Kaiser Permanente
- Kratos Defense
- Les Gemmes
- The Lodge at Marlton Tenant Council
- Magnolia Elementary School
- MIL Corporation
- Moms Club Bowie South
- Money One FCU
- Planet Fitness
- Pointer Ridge Elementary School
- Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Prince George's County Philharmonic Orchestra
- Quality Business Services
- Reid Temple Christian Academy - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and Kindergarten Mandarin Classes
- Samuel Ogle Middle School - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Classes
- Shoppers Food Warehouse
- Springdale Community Church
- St. Edward the Confessor
- TOPS MD 55
- Woodmore Highlands



*South Bowie Moms Club visited the Pantry and donated lots of food and personal care items. It is nice to see our young donors at the Pantry!*



*Students from the Belair Cooperative Nursery School donated a full cart of food! We look forward to their visit each year.*



## December 2015 in Review

### Christmas 2015

166 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:

- O'Brien and Gere
- Prince George's County Public Safety Assistance Program
- Countless Individual Donors

### Trees

The Bowie Lions Club donated 2 live trees plus 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.

### Stockings

Isabella Gandolph coordinated a holiday service project to benefit our seniors. Along with family and friends, she put together 44 stockings filled with lots of goodies and love.



*Home Depot sponsored a food drive in December. We appreciate their efforts to reach out to the community.*



*Russell Lloyd and Jackie Mays from Toyota of Bowie presented a check to the Pantry and delivered lots of food. Many thanks to all the employees for their support.*

### Toy Room

Moms and Dads were able to select toys and gifts for 112 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
- MOMs Club of North Bowie
- Countless Individual Donors
- Girl Scout Troop 5819

### Adoptions

Many of our families were adopted by groups this year - 56 families and 126 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
- All Saints Lutheran Church
- Beta Sigma Phi (Xi Alpha Phi) Sorority
- Dimensions Health Center
- Individual Donors



*Girl Scout Troops 1019 and 2713 held a birthday celebration for founder Juliette Gordon Low. At the event, the scouts filled birthday bags with cake mix, frosting, and candles for our families.*

## *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:

- Belair Engineering
- Benjamin Tasker Middle School
- Bowie Center for the Performing Arts
- Bowie Community Theatre
- Bowie International Women's Group
- Bowie Ladies Golf Association
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Mitchellville Silhouettes of Kappa Alpha Psi
- Bowie Senior Chorale
- Bowie Volunteer Fire Department
- Brookdale Senior Living
- City of Bowie Parks and Grounds Department
- Collington Lodge 230 AF & AM
- Colonial Handbell Ringers
- Curves - Glenn Dale
- Deacons of CCPC
- Dreamy Pet Beds
- Fairwood Community Association
- Home Depot
- The Irrational Engineers Robotics Team
- Iszi Ministries
- It's All About The Hair
- Jack and Jill of America - PG County Chapter
- Kaiser Permanente
- Kenilworth Elementary School
- Laureate Pi - Beta Sigma Phi
- The Lodge at Marlton Tenants
- Marantha Adventist Fellowship Adventures Club
- McChesney & Dale, P.C./Omni Building
- James McHenry Elementary School
- NASA Federal Credit Union
- NASA GSFC - JPSS Ground Project
- Patuxent River 4-H NG Youth Group
- Pin Oak Village
- Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Prince George's County Public Schools - Occupational & Physical Therapy Services
- Prince George's County Public Schools - College & Career Readiness & Innovation Program
- Samuel Ogle Middle School NJHS
- Sons of American Legion Post 66
- Southern Comforters of Bowie
- Toyota of Bowie
- TriStar Realty
- Weichert Realtors
- Whitehall Elementary School

### *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
- Ascension Catholic Church
- Cresthill Baptist Church
- Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Mount Nebo
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- Mount Oak Fellowship
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- Temple Solel
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light

## 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

## 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 huge difference. We could not do this labor of love without you!

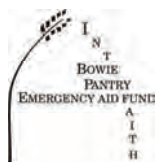
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### Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am—12:00 noon  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month 6:00—7:00 pm

*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.*