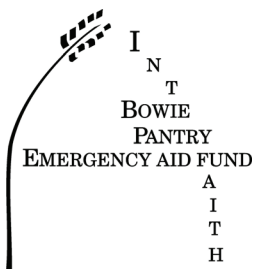


July 2012



Pantry Patter



Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- July 10** Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- August 14** Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 3** Labor Day
Closed

	June 2012	May 2012	April 2012	June 2011
<i>Households Served</i>	167	216	201	181
<i>Client Visits</i>	216	270	264	323
<i>New Client Households</i>	13	21	16	36
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	196	292	236	257
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	532	682	660	924
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$20,095	\$25,820	\$24,901	\$34,708
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	50%	48%	51%	44%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	20%	20%	19%	17%

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Special Monthly Distributions

July Special: Laundry Detergent

Throughout the month of July, the pantry would like to stock up on laundry detergent. Our families often ask for laundry detergent so every bottle/box you can donate is much needed and appreciated. *Note: many of the grocery stores offer "Buy One Get One Free" sales.*

August Special: Shampoo and/or Conditioner

Many of our clients are unable to purchase basic personal care items for their families. Please help us stock up on regular-size shampoo and/or conditioner. Bottles should be new and unopened.

Our Greatest Needs

- ★ **SOUP**—we really need soup!!!
Tomato, vegetable, beef, chicken, and cream soups
- ✓ Canned Beef Stew
- ✓ Canned Fruit/Applesauce
- ✓ Fresh Fruit - bagged or loose
- ✓ Fresh Vegetables from your garden!



The Pantry's soup shelves are looking pretty bare!

School Supply Collection—New Revised List!

Last year the pantry distributed 109 backpacks to children entering grades kindergarten through high school. Our families bring us their children's school supply list, and we fill the backpacks as best we can. We have some supplies in stock, but we especially need your help with the items listed below.

Items greatly needed (★):

- ★ Backpacks
- ★ Jumbo book covers
- ★ New pocket folders
- ★ Subject dividers
- ★ Marble composition books

Also needed:

- 3" 3-ring binders
- Flash drives
- Zipper-style bags—quart & gallon sizes
- Zippered pencil pouches
- Colored pencils
- Scissors
- Compasses



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.

Thank You to Our Donation Drop Off Sites

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

- Bowie Interfaith Pantry
- Bowie Gymnasium
- Bowie Library
- Bowie Senior Center
- CCPC Narthex
- Every Second Counts Boutique
- Kenhill Center
- Long and Foster (Now in Crofton)
- Melvin Motors
- PNC Bank (Rt. 450 & Stonybrook Dr)
- YMCA (Moylan Drive)

Two More Picnic Coolers Needed

We have received a donation of two new coolers which we will use during pantry hours for distribution of yogurt, cheese, and other perishable items. We would appreciate two more coolers to replace our old Styrofoam containers.

Personal Care Items

Traveling this summer? Don't know what to do with all those little bottles of shampoo, conditioner, lotion, etc? The Pantry will gladly accept these items as well as any other personal care items you wish to donate. *Please make sure that the items are unopened.*



Recent Food Drives

The Pantry thanks the following for their very successful food drives during the month of **June**:

- Grace Lutheran Church
- St. Matthew's Early Education Center
- Temple Solel Sisterhood
- Berwyn Rod and Gun Club
- Bowie High School—Mr. Macon's classes

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.

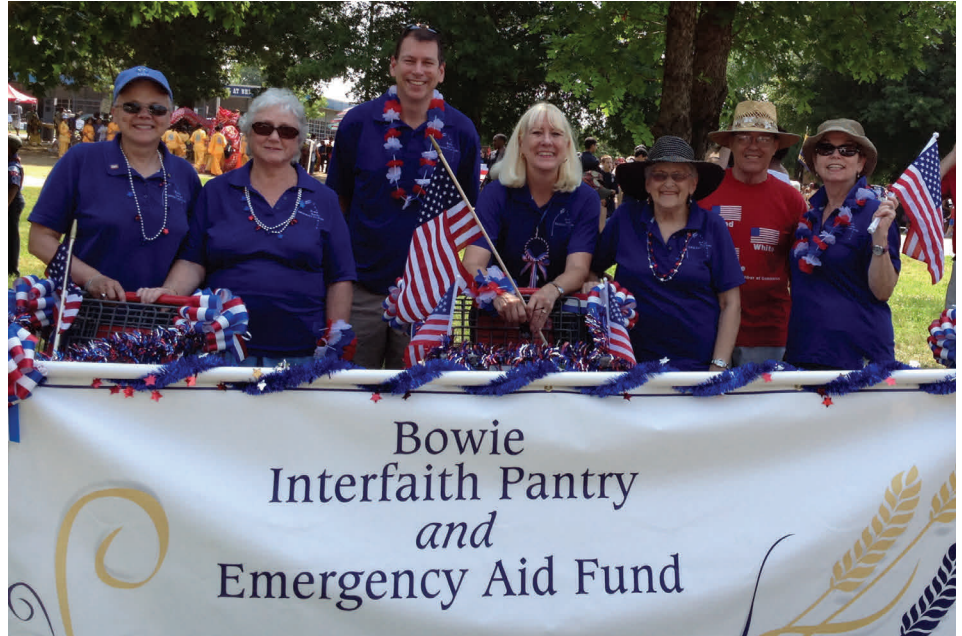
To serve with respect, dignity and without discrimination those in need in our community by providing food, financial assistance and other resource referrals.

*Financial assistance is available to residents of the City of Bowie

Thank You—Bowie Community Outreach Committee

A special thank you to the committee members for coordinating the Pantry's participation in the Memorial Day Parade and BowieFest. In addition to more than 150 food items, the Pantry collected over \$400 which is being used to purchase fresh produce at the Farmer's Market on Sunday mornings. Thank you to all who donated!

Parade volunteers left to right: Jan Stritzinger, Donna Campbell, Steve Pearson, Linda Tall, Helen Hirzel, Dale Grant, Joyce Gross.



Summer Yield

Our vegetable gardens are producing lots of wonderful food for our clients—zucchini, cherry tomatoes, and peppers!

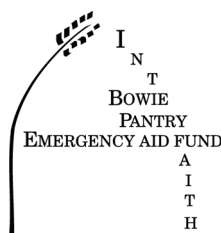
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Hours:

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.