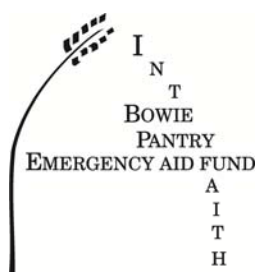


July/August 2016



Pantry Patter

Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- July 12 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- July 26 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- August 9 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- August 23 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 5 Labor Day
PANTRY CLOSED

	June 2016	May 2016	June 2015	May 2015
<i>Households Served</i>	305	281	278	248
<i>Client Visits</i>	385	340	356	314
<i>New Client Households</i>	25	29	30	26
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	271	246	249	193
<i>Totes of Groceries</i>	784	682	806	698
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$29,140	\$26,440	\$32,050	\$27,645
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	49%	45%	46%	45%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	15%	17%	17%	21%

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Donate Fresh Produce

Everyone wants to eat healthier, and we are committed to providing fresh vegetables and fruits to our families. We encourage all local gardeners to bring their "extra" produce to the pantry. Donations can be dropped off at the pantry M, W, F mornings beginning at 8:00 a.m.—we are open 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

On Sunday mornings, pantry volunteers are at the Bowie Farmers Market (parking lot of Bowie High School) from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon collecting donations of produce as well as money which will be used to purchase vegetables and fruit from the Farmers Market.

School Backpack Program

School is out for the summer, but preparation for the 2016-2017 school year has begun! Most students in Prince George's County will be back in school on August 23. Last year we distributed 125 backpacks to children Pre-K through Grade 12. Our families provide us with the supply lists from their schools, and we fill them as required. We are now collecting supplies and are most in need of the following:

- New backpacks
- 3 ring binders (3" , 1") - new or nearly new
- 24-count crayons
- Marble composition books (all colors)
- 3- and 5-subject notebooks
- Jumbo/large book covers
- Large/small glue sticks - NO COLORS
- New 2-Pocket Folders, especially plastic
- Rulers, plastic, inches & metric
- Subject Dividers
- Compasses/Protractors
- Flash Drives - any size
- Pocket dictionaries
- Colored Pencils
- Quart/Gallon Ziplock bags
- Pens - blue and red
- Zippered Pencil Pouches
- Post-it Notes - all sizes
- Erasers
- Highlighters
- Scissors
- #2 Pencils
- Dry erase markers
- Reinforcement rings
- Clipboards
- Staple removers
- Construction paper

Special Thank You to Bowie Community

Volunteers from the pantry marched in the annual Memorial Day Parade and participated in Bowiefest. We are grateful to all of you for your support and encouragement. Volunteers collected food and money at each event.

Special thanks to the Bowie Community Outreach Committee who coordinated our participation in both events and to the GBCC who also sponsored us at Bowiefest. A very special thank you to Michelle Johnson aka The Face Paint Lady who donated her services and raised money for the pantry at Bowiefest. Michelle shared her artistic talents and made lots of children very happy throughout the day!



Volunteers marched in the annual Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 28. The weather was beautiful, and we enjoyed seeing so many familiar faces along the way.

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

Food Drives/Donations

A special thank you to the following who donated food and/or money to the Pantry in May, June and early July:

3 Sassy Ladies/Ash2Brown Entertainment, LLC
 All Saints Lutheran Church
 American Legion Auxiliary Unit 66
 Anne Arundel Medical Center
 Apostolic Breakthrough International Ministries
 Aramark, IMI National Training Center
 Ascension Catholic Church and St. Vincent DePaul
 Ministry
 Ascension Commandery No. 283
 Belair Engineering
 Beta Sigma Phi Sorority - Xi Alpha Phi Chapter
 No. 55561
 Blue Skys Stable
 Bowie High School - National Honor Society
 Bowie High School PTSO
 Bowie Lions Club
 Bowie Senior Chorale
 Brownie Troop 2364
 The Cleaning Authority
 Coalition of Concerned Black Christian Men
 Cresthill Baptist Church
 Curves of Glenn Dale
 Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc - PGCAV
 Faith Fellowship Church
 Girl Scout Troop 6417
 Girl Scout Troop
 Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation
 Grace Baptist Church - Grace Gives
 Grace Lutheran Church
 Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce
 Greater Mount Nebo
 Greater Suburban MD Group
 Heather Hills Elementary School
 Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
 Jack and Jill of America - Prince George's County
 Chapter

Kaiser Permanente
 Long & Foster
 Masonic Lodge No. 147
 Microsoft Matching Gifts Program
 Moms Club of Bowie
 MOMs Organic
 National Association of Letter Carriers
 North Bowie Moms Club
 Northridge Community
 Princess MD Gianni Jones
 Reformed Presbyterian Church
 St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
 St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
 St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
 St. Pius X Catholic Church
 St. Pius X Regional School
 Springdale Community Church
 Temple Solel & The Charlie Hochman Fund
 United Parish of Bowie
 Unity Center of Light
 WalMart
 Williams Financial Services Corporation

3rd Annual Summer Snack Drive (formerly) Stuff-A-Truck Update

The Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce sponsored a healthy snack drive the week of June 20-24. The response was great, and we have begun distributing snack bags to our children.

It is not too late to participate in this important project. We need donations of the following to continue making bags throughout the month of July:

- Mac & Cheese cups
- Milk boxes (white milk, chocolate milk)

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.



Many thanks to the letter carriers who collected donations along their postal routes in May. The 2016 NALC Stamp Out Hunger Drive yielded the most food ever! Great job, Bowie residents!

Like us on Facebook!



3 Sassy Ladies performed at the BCPA and donated proceeds to the Pantry. Pictured l to r: Marilyn Ashford-Brown, Debbie Langdon, Mark Wallace



Smoothies, anyone? AAMC donated leftover bananas, raspberries, strawberries, yogurt, apple juice, and coconut milk from their event at BowieFest.

Michelle and Meghan Murray along with help from friends made diaper cakes for our young mothers. These lovely creations were made with size N and 1 diapers.



Humphrey Management employees participated in their annual Community Connections Program. Employees helped sort and shelf donations and gave the Pantry a good cleaning.

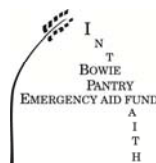


Members of the North Bowie Moms Club made summer fun buckets for our young children. The buckets were filled with lots of goodies for outdoors fun!

Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund

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Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month 6:00—7:00 p.m.

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