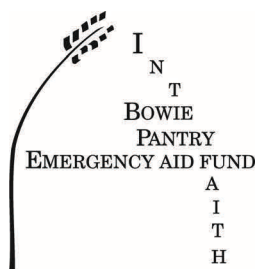


June 2012



# Pantry Patter

## Pantry Statistics

### Upcoming Events:

**June 12** Evening Hours  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

**June 23** Grace Lutheran  
Church Food Drive  
Freestate Giant  
10:00 a.m. –  
2:00 p.m.

**July 4** CLOSED

**July 10** Evening Hours  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

	May 2012	April 2012	March 2012	May 2011
<i>Households Served</i>	<b>216</b>	201	219	151
<i>Client Visits</i>	<b>270</b>	264	280	245
<i>New Client Households</i>	<b>21</b>	16	15	25
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	<b>292</b>	236	253	245
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	<b>682</b>	660	710	740
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	<b>\$25,820</b>	\$24,901	\$25,932	\$28,490
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	<b>48%</b>	51%	47%	48%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	<b>20%</b>	19%	20%	17%

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## Special Monthly Distributions

### *June Special: Paper Products*

Throughout the month of June, the Pantry would like to stock up on the following products: toilet paper, tissues, and paper towels. Toilet paper is distributed every day, and our families often ask for tissues and paper towels. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### *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.*

## School Supply Collection Begins

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 will fill the backpacks as best we can. We have some supplies in stock, but we especially need your help with the items listed at right.

The pantry is grateful for any donation you can make to help us prepare the children for the upcoming school year.

- Backpacks
- Wide-ruled paper
- Marble composition books
- Jumbo/Large book covers
- Large and small glue sticks (clear - not purple)
- Colored pencils
- Scissors
- Compasses
- New pocket folders
- Hand sanitizer
- Subject dividers



## Our Greatest Needs

- ✓ Soup
- ✓ Canned Beef Stew
- ✓ Canned Fruit/Applesauce
- ✓ Tuna Fish
- ✓ Jelly
- ✓ Cereal
- ✓ Baked Beans
- ✓ Fresh Fruit - bagged or loose
- ✓ Fresh Vegetables from your garden!

## Recent Food Drives

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

- Ascension Commandery No. 283 & Masonic Lodge No. 147
- Bowie State University Honors Program
- Daisy Troop #6089
- Girl Scout Troop #6306
- Holy Trinity Middle School
- McArdle Publishing Co.
- Melvin Motors
- National Association of Letter Carriers



### *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

### Personal Care Items

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 in Hilltop Shopping Center
- Kenhill Center
- Long and Foster (Now in Crofton)
- Melvin Motors
- PNC Bank  
(Route 450 and Stonybrook Drive)
- YMCA (Moylan Drive)

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.*



### Picnic Coolers Needed

The Pantry provides perishable items to our clients including yogurt and cheese. We have been using heavy Styrofoam containers to distribute them but would like to replace them with easier to clean picnic coolers.

If you have a clean regular sized cooler to donate, we will put it to good use!



### *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

## Additional Ways to Support the Pantry

### *Every Second Counts Consignment Boutique*

You can consign items—*on behalf of the food pantry*—at the Every Second Counts consignment boutique, by calling owner Dina Bennett in advance and making an appointment to come in and have her look over your things. The Pantry gets 50 percent of the selling price; the store gets 50 percent.

The boutique is located in Hilltop Plaza, in the rear parking lot.

Owners: Dina Bennett and Karen Whitney

Phone Number: 301-262-7713

Website: <http://laverneandmark.com/ESCCB/>

**Hours:**

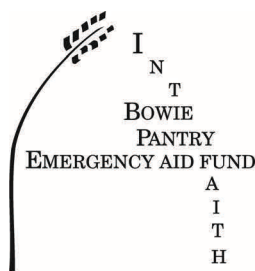
Tuesday through Friday    **11:00 AM to 6:00 PM**  
 Saturday    **11:00 AM to 5:00 PM**

### *eBay's "Giving Works"*

The Pantry is a designated charity/non-profit on eBay's "Giving Works" site for any eBay seller who wants to designate a portion of sales to the Pantry.

You don't even have to buy things on eBay to donate to the Pantry on eBay. If you have a PayPal account (eBay owns PayPal), you can make an online donation to the Pantry on eBay through the eBay Giving Works part of the eBay website. The administering organization MissionFish takes 3.75 percent of each donation for administration costs.

Here is an eBay link that takes a person through the donation process: <http://www.ebaygivingworks.com/donatenow.html>



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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.*