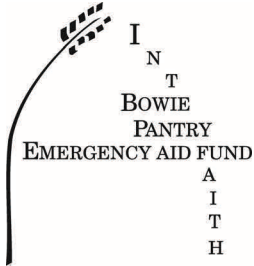


March/April
2016



Pantry Statistics

	February 2016	January 2016	December 2015	February 2015
<i>Households Served</i>	327	264	342	287
<i>Client Visits</i>	408	304	431	340
<i>New Client Households</i>	13	26	28	26
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	296	215	326	272
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	813	637	*	*
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$29,665	\$22,340	*	*
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	46%	47%	46%	43%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	17%	15%	19%	19%

* In January 2016, we made two changes that affect out year-to-year comparisons.

1. The value of bags was updated.
2. The number of bags distributed to our families was revised.

Upcoming Events:

- Mar 19 Bowie 5K Run/
2-Mile Walk
8:00 a.m.
Bowie Town Ctr.
- Mar 22 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Mar 25 Good Friday—
Pantry is OPEN
- April 12 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- April 26 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.

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Bowie Annual Spring 5K Run/2 Mile Walk

The Bowie 5K Run/2 Mile Walk will be held at the Bowie Town Center on Saturday, March 19 at 8:00am. Day of Registration is \$30 (or \$25 if you bring a non-perishable food item for the the Bowie Food Pantry) and will take place at the Bowie Town Center from 7:00am to 7:45am. All proceeds come to the Pantry. Awards will be presented to overall female and male winners and the first female and first male for each age group. There will also be door prizes!

What We Pack

Client families receive the following items each visit:

- 4 cans of Soup (a variety)
- 2 cans/bags of Beans (a variety)
- 4 cans of Vegetables (a variety)
- 1 canned Pasta (spaghettios, ravioli, beefaroni)
- 1 Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce
- 1 Tomato product (sauce, diced, paste, stewed)
- 2 cans Fruit or applesauce (a variety)
- 1 Peanut Butter or Jelly
- 1 Condiment (ketchup, mustard, olives, salad dressing, gravy, relish, pickles, etc.)
- 2 cans Tuna fish
- 1 can Salmon or other fish (clams, sardines, etc.)
- 3 cans Meat (beef stew, chili, chicken breast meat, corned beef hash, spam)
- 1 box Macaroni and Cheese
- 1 box Spaghetti/Pasta
- 2 other Dry Goods (rice, potatoes, stuffing, pasta/rice sides, helper)
- 1 Dessert (pudding, cookies, brownie mix)
- 1 box Cereal or Oatmeal
- 2 rolls of Toilet Paper
- 4 Granola/Fruit Bars (a variety)

Children 10 and under receive 100% juice. When available, we distribute fresh fruit and vegetables.

The Pantry also accepts donations of personal care products (regular and travel size), paper products, cleaning supplies, diapers, wipes, and baby food. Individual size food items (complete meals, peanut butter, soups, fruit cups, crackers, tuna pouches) are needed for our homeless clients.

Donations of these items are greatly appreciated. We encourage donors to purchase low sodium and whole grain items when possible.

Donations

Please do not leave items at the Pantry entrance/exit. These items will be thrown away. Give us a call/e-mail, and we will be happy to tell you about our dropsites or meet you at the pantry to accept your donation.

Expired Food

Each week pantry volunteers sort and shelve all non-perishable items donated to the Pantry. When sorting items, volunteers first check dates. We do not shelve or bag items with expired or unknown dates. Our insurance company strictly prohibits us from distributing expired items.

It would be helpful if groups/individuals could check dates before bringing items to the pantry. While it is tempting to clean out your pantry and donate the food, it makes our job much harder. Anything you can do to make our job easier (and less back-breaking!) would be appreciated.



South Bowie Moms Club donated 25 beautiful Easter baskets for our children

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.

Food Drives/Donations

A special thank you to all those who donated food and/or money to the pantry in January, February, and early March:

All Saints Lutheran Church
 All Saints Lutheran Church - 2015 Gifts of Hope
 American Legion Auxiliary Post 66
 Ascension Catholic Church
 Bowie Center for the Performing Arts
 Bowie City Church
 Bowie High School - JR. ROTC
 Bowie High School - NHS
 Bowie High School - PTSO
 Bowie Interfaith Recreation Council
 Bowie Lions Club
 Bowie Physical Therapy
 Bowie Youth and Family Services
 Boy Scout Troop 1688
 Christian Community Presbyterian Church
 Church of the Redeemer
 City of Bowie
 Cresthill Baptist Church
 Curves of Glenn Dale
 Ebenezer United Methodist Church
 Emmaus Group
 Girl Scout Troop 2114
 Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist
 Congregation
 Grace Baptist Church
 Grace Lutheran Church
 Greater Mount Nebo
 GSM Group
 Hazbrook, LLC
 Heather Hills Elementary School
 Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

It's All About the Hair
 Jack and Jill - Prince George's County Chapter
 Joy of Worship Ministries
 Kaiser Permanente
 Kenilworth Elementary School
 MD AARP-Safeway
 Metropolitan Baptist Church
 M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation -
 Senior Services Unit
 Mount Oak United Methodist Church
 Montpelier Arts Center
 Northridge Community
 O'Malley, Miles, Nylen & Gilmore, P.A.
 Pin Oak Village
 PGCAC - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
 Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
 Sacred Heart Church
 Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton
 South Bowie Moms Club
 Southern Comforter Bowie Quilt Guild
 Springdale Community Church
 St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
 St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
 St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
 St. Pius X Church
 St. Pius X Regional School
 Temple Solel
 Temple Solel - Charlie Hochman Fund
 Trinity Lutheran Church
 Unity Center of Light
 United Parish of Bowie
 Village Baptist Church
 Xi Alpha Phi Sorority
 YMCA of Prince George's County

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

Adopt-a-Shelf Program

Many thanks to all those who participate in our Adopt-a-Shelf Program. We are grateful for your support. It is a huge relief knowing that a steady supply of certain food items will be coming to the pantry each month. Participation in the program has increased, but we still need more help! All food items are available for adoption. We distribute hundreds of each item every month, and we do not expect any one individual/group to completely stock a shelf. Please let us know what item you want to collect and bring to the Pantry on a regular basis. We will put a small plaque on the shelf with your name and item adopted.

- Beans- Bowie/Mitchellville (MD) Alumni Chapter - Kappa Alpha Psi
- Beans - Temple Solel
- Beef Stew - St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- Carrots - Prince George’s County Alumnae Chapter - Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.
- Cereal - Kenilworth Elementary School
- Cereal - Greater Suburban Maryland (GSM) Group
- Desserts - Bowie Lions Club
- Canned fruit - Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- Granola bars - Alexander Davis
- Granola bars - Julianne Herring & Caroline Herring
- Meats - Bowie Lions Club
- Pasta - Diane Polangin
- Pasta - Apostolic Breakthrough International Ministries
- Peanut Butter - Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce
- Rice - United Parish of Bowie
- Boxed Rice - Jennifer Anthony
- Soup - Benjamin Tasker Middle School
- Spaghetti Sauce - Trinity Lutheran Church
- Tomato Products - Northridge Community
- Tuna - Darlene Bagby
- Vegetables - Les Gemmes, Inc. Washington D.C. Chapter



Alexander Davis collected hundreds of granola bars for our families



Members of the Bowie High School Jr. ROTC organized a neighborhood food drive in February. The members collected hundreds of food items for the pantry. Pictured l to r Ryan New, Julian Davis, Sarah Sava, Shae Johnson

Heather Hills Elementary School Destination Imagination Team donated over 1,000 food and personal care items to the pantry. Well done, Heather Hills Philanthropists! Pictured front row: Kayin Bejide, Shelemiah Griffiths-Johnson, Cassie Brown; back row: Rayhanna Mari, Thaddeus (Tadd) Michael, Ajibola Ajani, Caitlyn Lopez



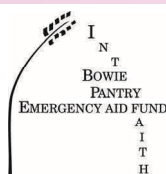
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Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.–12:00 noon
2nd and 4th Tuesday each month 6:00–7:00 p.m.

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