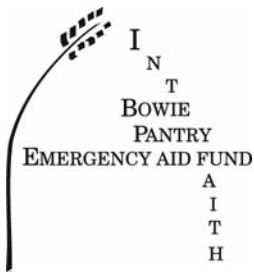


March/April 2019



Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- Mar 12 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Mar 26 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- April 9 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- April 19 Good Friday
Pantry OPEN
- April 23 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.

- Households Served*
- Client Visits*
- New Client Households*
- Children 18 and Under*
- Bags of Groceries*
- Value of Food Distributed*
- Percent to City of Bowie Residents*
- Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents*

February 2019	January 2019	February 2018	January 2018
247	270	268	279
302	324	328	340
11	28	11	15
177	210	186	201
600	638	656	682
\$21,475	\$22,795	\$23,275	\$24,185
47%	45%	43%	45%
18%	20%	23%	19%

Greatest Needs

- Condiments (*salad dressing, mustard, ketchup, etc.*)
- Soup (*all varieties*)
- Dry Goods (*boxed potatoes, rice, pasta salad, stuffing*)
- Peanut Butter

Volunteer Opportunity

We need someone to pick up at Wegman's (Waugh Chapel) on Wednesday mornings. Volunteer picks up bread/dessert items from the loading dock around 7:45 a.m. and brings items directly to the Pantry. You pack the food in your own totes/bags (usually 4-6) and carry them down a few steps to your car.

Please call or e-mail the Pantry if interested. If more than one person volunteers, we could work out a schedule so you don't have to do the pick up every week.

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What We Pack

Each household receives the following items:

- 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 Clams or other fish (salmon, 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 the above 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 meet you at the Pantry to accept your donation. If it is a small donation, please consider using one of our drop-off sites.

Drop-Off Sites

Many thanks to the following locations that serve as donation drop-off sites:

- ASAP Cleaners
- Bowie Senior Center
- City of Bowie Gymnasium
- Kenhill Center
- Long and Foster (Now in Crofton)
- PNC Bank (Rt. 450 & Stonybrook Dr)



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.

Non-Profit Status

The Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. 93% of pantry donations go directly to assist clients. Tax receipts are available for all donations.

Adopt-a-Shelf Program

Many thanks to all those who participate in our Adopt-a-Shelf Program. We are grateful for your continued support. 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. A list of items we pack is included in this newsletter. We will put a small plaque on the shelf with your name and item adopted. If we haven't received a donation for the shelf in a year, the plaque will be removed until reactivated.

Beans - Temple Solel

Beef stew - St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

Beefaroni/Ravioli - Springdale Community Church

Cereal - Greater Suburban Maryland Chapter
(Jack and Jill)

Cereal - Faith Fellowship Church

Desserts - Bowie Lions Club

Canned fruit - Mount Oak United Methodist Church

Granola bars - The Herring Sisters

Meats - Bowie Lions Club

Pasta - Belair Baptist Church

Peanut butter - Top Ladies of Distinction - Prince George's
County Chapter

Peanut butter - Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce

Rice - United Parish of Bowie

Soup - Victory Christian Ministries International

Spaghetti sauce - Trinity Lutheran Church

Tomato products - Northridge Community

Tuna fish - Faith Fellowship Church

Local Stores & 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 pickups from:

- Chipotle

Impact of Government Shutdown on the Pantry

We received many inquiries as to how the recent shutdown affected the Pantry. The Pantry did experience an increased need for services. More than one-half of the new households registered in January were government employees. We also saw an increase in donations to the Pantry. In fact, we received more donations than any other January.

The Pantry thanks everyone who reached out to help those who were affected by the shutdown. Once again you reminded us what a wonderful community we live in where neighbors look out for one another.

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 all those who donated food and/or money to the Pantry in January, February and March:

- ADT Security Services
- All Saints Lutheran Church
- Arbor Terrace Senior Living
- Ascension Catholic Church and St. Vincent DePaul
- Belair Cooperative Nursery School
- Blue Skys Stable
- Bowie High School
- Bowie Interfaith Recreational Council
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Physical Therapy
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- City of Bowie
- Collington Life Care Community
- Cresthill Baptist Church
- Curves of Glenn Dale
- Faith Fellowship Church
- Girl Scout Troop 1019
- Glenn Brooke Court Club
- Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Mount Nebo AME Church
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- Houston Elementary School SGA
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- NASA Federal Credit Union
- Northridge Community
- Patuxent Riding HOA
- Progressive Dental Solutions
- Quality Business Services
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- Rockbridge Academy
- Springdale Community 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
- Taber Chiropractic, P.C.
- Temple Solel & Charlie Hochman Fund
- Temple Solel - Men of Solel
- Top Ladies of Distinction - Prince George's County
- TOPS #MD0055
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Unity Center of Light
- United Parish of Bowie
- Victory Christian Ministries International
- Village Baptist Church



Greg Johanson presented a check to the Pantry on behalf of the Men of Temple Solel.

Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund

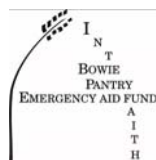
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Hours:

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

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