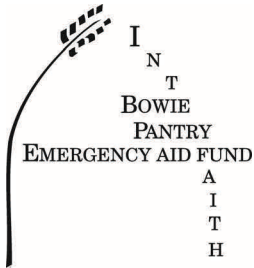


March 2014



Pantry Patter

Pantry Statistics

	February 2014	January 2014	December 2013	February 2013
<i>Households Served</i>	243	248	246	222
<i>Client Visits</i>	288	307	287	267
<i>New Client Households</i>	28	22	18	20
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	259	278	295	264
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	694	754	701	660
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$28,040	\$28,635	\$28,855	\$26,359
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	42%	44%	38%	41%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	17%	20%	21%	16%

Upcoming Events:

- Mar 25 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Mar 29 Bowie 5K Run/
2-Mile Walk
8:00 a.m.
Bowie Town Ctr.
- April 8 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- April 18 Good Friday
Pantry OPEN

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

Special Monthly Distributions

March/April Special: Toilet Paper

Each set of totes includes one roll of toilet paper. In April, we will give an additional roll to each client. Donations of toilet paper are needed.

Changes to What We Pack

Pantry volunteers prepack food items according to a specified list. Recently we increased the amount of soup, canned fish, and canned meats we distribute to clients. We now pack 5 cans of soup instead of 4, 3 cans of fish (2 tuna and one other) instead of 2, and 4 canned meats instead of 2. Our stock depletes quickly now, so all donations of these items would be appreciated. Visit our website to see a full listing of the foods we pack.

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Greatest Needs

- Canned Fruit
- Canned Meats (e.g, corned beef hash, chili, turkey breast meat, chicken breast meat, beef stew, ham)
- Boxed Mashed Potatoes
- Boxed Pasta Salad
- Pork & Beans

Food Drives

A special thank you to the following who donated food and/or money to the Pantry in January and February:

- All Saints Lutheran Church—Souper Bowl
- Alpha Delta Kappa—Rho Sorority
- American Legion Auxiliary
- Bowie Civitan Club
- Bowie Community Theater
- BIRC Bowling Tournament
- Bowie International Women’s Group
- Bowie State University Golden Key International Honor Society
- Double D Diner
- DPR Construction on behalf of Kaiser Permanente Largo Project
- Emmaus Group
- Heather Hills Elementary
- NASA Goddard Space Flight Center—JPSS Ground Project
- Robotics Team Illusion 4464
- See’s Candies
- St. Pius X Regional School—8th Grade
- Texas Roadhouse
- United Parish of Bowie—Souper Bowl

Expired Food

Each week pantry volunteers sort and shelve all non-perishable items donated to the Pantry. When sorting items, volunteers first check expiration dates. We do not shelve or pack items with expired or unknown dates. While the food may be okay to eat, we do not want to take a chance with our clients.

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 expired food, it makes our job much harder. Anything you can do to make our job easier (and less back-breaking!) would be appreciated.

Local Stores and 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 pick-ups from:
- Chipotle
 - Starbucks - Bowie Town Center
 - Starbucks - Free State Mall

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.

Thank You to Our Donation Drop Off Sites

Special thanks to all those who serve as drop off sites for the pantry. The pantry can only accept donations during its regular hours (or by special arrangement) so the drop off sites serve a vital need.

- Bowie Gymnasium
- Bowie Library
- Bowie Senior Center
- CCPC Narthex
- Dry Clean Depot
- Every Second Counts Boutique
- Kenhill Center (main entrance 9 am–5 pm)
- Imagine Yoga and Wellness Center
- Long and Foster (Crofton)
- Melvin Motors
- Parcel Express
- PNC Bank (Rt. 450 & Stonybrook Drive)
- YMCA (Moylan Drive)

NOTE: 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.

Register Today for the Bowie 5K Run/2-Mile Walk

The Bowie Spring 5K Run/2-Mile Walk will be held on Saturday, March 29, at 8:00 a.m. at the Bowie Town Center. Preregistration is \$25; on-site registration is \$30 or \$25 with a canned food donation. Preregister at www.active.com/bowie-md/running/distance-running-races/bowie-annual-spring-5k-run-2-mile-walk-2014. Proceeds and canned goods go to the Bowie Food Pantry.



**Discover Charity Recipient
Bowie Food Pantry
January 15, 2014**

Traveling this Spring or Summer?

Don't forget that the Pantry accepts travel size shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, etc. in addition to regular size personal care items. Our supply of travel size items is dwindling so please remember us and don't leave those items behind in the hotel room!

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

Special Thanks to Our Year Round Donors

We thank the following churches and temple who donate food/money to the pantry every month. Without your continued and steadfast support, the Pantry would not be able to feed the hungry who come to us each day.

- All Saints Lutheran Church
- Apostolic Breakthrough Ministries
- Ascension Catholic Church
- Bowie Church of Christ
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- Cresthill Baptist Church
- Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Mount Nebo
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- Mount Oak Fellowship
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church
- Temple Solel
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light
- Village Baptist Church



Pantry Entrances

The Pantry is located in the blue building behind Kenhill Center. Park in the back parking lot and enter the blue building directly—left side door for client visits, right side for donations and handicap access.

CROP Walk Update

CROP Walk 2013 was a huge success! We received a check in the amount of \$3,669.34 from Church World Service who sponsors the event. Special thanks to all those who walked on behalf of the Pantry. We rely on your support year after year.



“Hunger Man” visits the Pantry

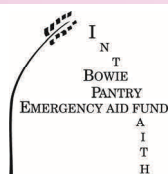
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Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00–11:00 a.m.
2nd and 4th Tuesday each month 6:00–7:00 p.m.

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