

## Pantry Statistics

### Upcoming Events:

- May 11 NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive
- May 14 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- May 27 Memorial Day Pantry CLOSED
- May 28 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- June 1 BowieFest 11 am-6 pm
- June 2 Bowie Farmers Market 8 am-12 noon (Every Sunday)
- June 11 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- June 25 Evening Hours 6-7 pm

- 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*

April 2019	March 2019	April 2018	March 2018
253	240	258	265
314	301	313	323
11	10	11	9
167	189	204	176
618	592	622	646
\$23,060	\$22,405	\$24,135	\$22,845
47%	46%	45%	41%
17%	16%	21%	23%

## Greatest Need: SOUP

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## In Appreciation

In April, the Pantry bid farewell to long-time volunteer and Executive Board Treasurer, Bridget Kopetzky, when she relocated to North Carolina. Bridget has been with the Pantry for over 15 years and is our longest serving volunteer.



Through the years she has been involved in all facets of the Pantry operations. Bridge helped shape the Pantry into what it is today, and we will be forever grateful for her commitment to our mission and our clients. We will miss her very much, but we know that her family is very happy to have her nearby.

Like us on Facebook!



## Food Drives

*A special thank you to the following who donated food, money, or other items to the Pantry in March, April and early May:*

- ADT Security Services
- All Saints Lutheran Church
- American Heritage Girls
- Ascension Catholic Church
- Ascension Catholic Church - St. Vincent DePaul
- Belair Engineering
- Berwyn Rod and Gun Club
- Blue Skys Stable
- Bowie Center for the Performing Arts
- Bowie City Church
- Bowie Community Theatre
- Bowie High School - NHS
- Bowie Interfaith Recreation Council
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Recreation Council
- Boy Scout Troop Pack 1040 Den 5
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- Collington Life Care - Outreach Committee
- Cresthill Baptist Church
- Curves of Glenn Dale
- Davidsonville Ruritan Fdn., Inc.
- DaVita
- Faith Fellowship Church
- Girl Scout Troop 22004
- Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Mount Nebo AME Church
- GSM/Jack and Jill of America
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School
- Honey Baked Ham
- Long and Foster Realty
- Macy's Bowie Town Center - Bag Hunger Program
- M-NCPPC, Department of Parks and Recreation, Senior Services Unit
- Morganizng for Change
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- National Council of Negro Women - Mitchellville/Bowie
- Northridge Community
- Quality Business Services
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- St. Matthew's Early Childhood Center - Kindergarten
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- St. Pius X Regional School Service Club
- Sisters Fellowship International
- Smith & Associates
- Southern Comforters Quilt Guild
- Springdale Community Church
- Temple Solel & The Charlie Hochman Fund
- Top Ladies of Distinction - Prince George's County
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Unity Center of Light
- United Parish of Bowie
- Victory Christian Ministries International
- Village Baptist Church
- Widmann Financial Services
- Yorktown Elementary School

### *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.

## Easter Bunny Visits Pantry

A very special thank you to the groups and individuals who made Easter Baskets for our children. The baskets were BEAUTIFUL; our moms and dads, and of course their children, were most grateful for your generosity.

Bowie MOMs Club  
 United Parish of Bowie  
 Individual Donors



## Traveling this Summer?

Don't forget - 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 remember us and don't leave those items behind in the hotel room!



*The Bowie MOMs Club made beautiful Easter baskets for our children and toured the Pantry. Members also visited our garden where our spring crops are growing.*



*The St. Matthew's EEC Kindergarten class, teachers and parents visited the Pantry in March. They brought us lots of food for our families and children to enjoy.*

### 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.*

\*Only City of Bowie residents may apply for emergency aid.



## Annual Volunteer Luncheon

Each year the Executive Board holds a luncheon to thank our volunteers. The Board thanks our host Grace Lutheran Church for providing us with a beautiful space. Special thanks to Widmann Financial Services for sponsoring the event. At the luncheon, the following year-end statistics were shared:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Client Visits	4,638	4,628	4,102	3,887
Totes of Food Distributed	10,571	9,373	8,271	7,706
New Client Households	336	283	236	203
Volunteer Hours	7,063	9,157	8,940	8,756
Households Served	791	790	707	646

Our volunteer ranks have grown to 125! Each and every volunteer provides a vital service to the Pantry, and we cannot thank them enough for their hard work and compassion.

## Bowie Farmers Market

Every Sunday beginning June 2, the Pantry will have a booth at the market. Volunteers are needed each week:

Shift 1: 8:00-10:00 a.m.

Shift 2: 10:00 a.m.–12:00 noon

Shift 2 volunteers should have a large vehicle to help take everything back to the Pantry - end time 12:30.

Last year’s market was very successful –we brought back lots of produce for our families! Special thanks to Matt Corley and the City of Bowie for coordinating this effort with the Pantry.

Please contact the Pantry for additional information. We will send you the link to Sign Up Genius.



*Girl Scout Troop 22004 donated Girl Scout Cookies and other food items in April. The scouts also toured our Pantry and garden.*



*Bowie High School National Honor Society Officers and Sponsor Eric LeMaster brought a LARGE donation of food items to the pantry in March. NHS members have collected food for the pantry for many years. We appreciate their continued commitment to the Pantry.*



*Bowie City Church members went shopping for the Pantry on Sunday, March 31. They focused on our most needed items which included 100% juice, condiments, desserts and dry goods. They did a great job!*



*Berwyn Rod and Gun Club members brought up a LARGE donation of food, personal care items, and diapers as well as a monetary donation. Items were collected at their May meeting. We appreciate their continued support.*

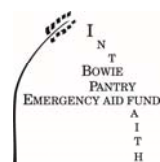


*Victory Christian Ministries International is a participant in our Adopt-A-Shelf Program. They continue to bring us monthly donations. Pictured L to R: Pastor Marlo High, Greg Vinson, and Jamie High.*

## Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund

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**Hours:**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am—12:00 noon  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*