

Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- May 24** Bowie Memorial Day Parade 11 am
- May 26** Memorial Day Pantry CLOSED
- May 27** Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- May 31** Grace Lutheran Church Food Drive at Freestate Giant
- June 1** Bowie Farmers Market 8 am-12 noon
- June 7** BowieFest 11 am-6 pm
- June 10** 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 2014	March 2014	February 2014	April 2013
<i>Households Served</i>	243	257	243	214
<i>Client Visits</i>	295	312	288	277
<i>New Client Households</i>	20	28	28	16
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	249	271	259	227
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	696	738	694	656
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$28,570	\$30,715	\$28,040	\$26,935
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	41%	40%	42%	45%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	22%	20%	17%	22%

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Special Monthly Distributions

June Special: Coffee, Tea, Juice

In addition to the pre-packed dry and canned goods, we offer each client coffee, tea, or juice. We are in need of regular/decaf ground coffee, regular/decaf instant coffee, tea bags (individually wrapped—regular, decaf, green, herbal), and 100% juice (bottles or boxes).

Greatest Needs

- Canned fruit/applesauce
- Canned meats (chicken breast meat, corned beef hash, chili, etc.)
- Canned soups
- Granola bars

Donation Drop Off Sites

Donations can be brought to the pantry during our regular hours. For your convenience, we have several drop off sites throughout the area. If it is a large donation, please call/e-mail the pantry to make special arrangements. DO NOT leave donations outside the pantry doors—we have to throw them away.

- Bowie Gymnasium
- Bowie Library
- Bowie Senior Center
- CCPC Narthex
- Dry Clean Depot
- Every Second Counts Boutique
- Kenhill Center
- Imagine Yoga and Wellness Center
- Long and Foster (Now in Crofton)
- Melvin Motors
- Parcel Express
- PNC Bank (Rt. 450 & Stonybrook Dr)
- YMCA (Moylan Drive)



Food Drives

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

- Adio Chiropractic
- Ascension Catholic Church - Share in Hope
- Bowie City Church
- BBT
- Bowie High School - Navy JROTC
- Bowie High School - NHS
- Bowie Spring 5K Race/2 Mile Walk
- Bowie State University Honors Program
- Chesapeake Chorale
- Girl Scout Troop 570
- Girl Scout Troop 6306
- Glenn Dale Elementary School
- Hazbrook, LLC
- Helping People Who Help People Foundation, Inc.
- Heritage Film Festival
- Hope Circle Women's Group
- Laureate Pi Chapter PL 2063 Beta Sigma Phi
- MAF Adventurer Warriors
- Northridge Community
- Northview Elementary School
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church - Share in Hope
- St. Matthew's Early Childhood Center
- Samuel Ogle Middle School
- Seniors on Stage
- Southern Comforters Quilt Guild
- Temple Solel
- Unity Center of Light
- University of MD Kids Against Hunger
- Walmart

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.

Bowie Farmers Market

The Pantry will have a booth at the Farmers Market every Sunday beginning June 1! We need lots of volunteers to help with this effort. Volunteers are needed for one of two shifts:

- Shift 1: 8:00-10:00 a.m. includes set up;
- Shift 2: 10:00-12 noon includes break down and delivery of food to the Pantry.



Last year, the Farmers Market was very successful with bins filled with fresh vegetables, fruit, and bread for our families!

Special thanks to Matt Corley, Jim Unger, and the City of Bowie for coordinating this effort with the Pantry. Please contact the pantry if you can help volunteer. This would be a great way for high school students to earn service hours!

Traveling this Spring or Summer?

Don't forget—the Pantry accepts travel-size shampoo, conditioner, soap, lotion, etc. in addition to regular-size personal care items. Please remember the Pantry and don't leave those items behind in the hotel room!

Memorial Day Parade

Pantry volunteers will be marching in this year's annual Bowie Memorial Day Parade scheduled for Saturday, May 24. Volunteers will be collecting canned/dry goods as well as monetary donations along the parade route. Hope to see you at the Parade!

BowieFest—June 7

Volunteers will collect canned/dry goods as well as monetary donations throughout the day. Please be sure to stop by our table near the Bowie Community Outreach Committee or in the lobby of the ice arena!

33rd Annual Bowie Spring 5K Race/2-Mile Walk

On Saturday, March 29 hundreds of racers gathered at the Bowie Town Center to race/walk in support of the Pantry. The race raised \$5,700. The Pantry would like to thank all those who participated in the race. We especially thank the event sponsors for their continued support of the Pantry:

- Bowie Recreation Council
- Widmann Financial Services
- State Farm
- Finally Fit Boot Camp
- Melvin Motors
- Maryland -NCPCC
- Bowie Town Center

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

Diaper Drive

On April 17 MOMS Club Bowie North held a puppet show at BCPA. Several large packs of diapers and over \$300 were collected and donated to the Pantry. We have many families in need of diapers sizes newborn - 5. We are grateful for your generosity and compassion.

Pictured are (left-to-right): Nicole Bartels (MOMS Club President), Cassandra Lacey (Secretary) with daughter, Izzy, Debbie Langdon (Food Pantry Director) and Bianca Adkins (Treasurer).



CPA Needed

The Pantry is looking for a Certified Public Accountant to perform an audit. If you are a CPA or know a CPA who would be willing to do this for us pro bono or at a reduced rate, please call/e-mail.



Gerri Dayes (right), Treasurer of St. Matthew's United Methodist Women, presents a check to Debbie Langdon, Food Pantry Director. Pictured in center is Margie Pekala, a Pantry volunteer and a UMW member.



Each spring students from St. Matthew's Early Education Center visit the Pantry. They collected over 550 food items and brought them to us on March 27. Great job!

Easter Bunny visits Pantry

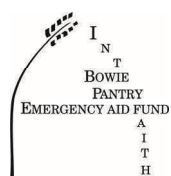
A very special thank you to those who made Easter Baskets for our children. The baskets were *beautiful*, and our moms and dads were most grateful for your generosity. We can only imagine how excited the children were on Easter morning!

- South Bowie MOMS Club
- United Parish of Bowie
- All Saints Lutheran Church
- Bowie State University Golden Key
- International Honour Society

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Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00–11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesdays 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.