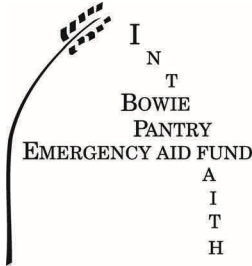


November/
December 2016



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Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 12 Scouting for Food Drive
- Nov 22 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- Nov 23, 24, 25 Pantry CLOSED
- Dec 13 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- Dec 26 Pantry CLOSED
- Dec 27 Evening Hours 6-7 pm

	October 2016	September 2016	August 2016	October 2015
<i>Households Served</i>	338	323	315	354
<i>Client Visits</i>	420	406	404	447
<i>New Client Households</i>	22	33	27	24
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	285	285	280	314
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	848	824	818	1,016
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$31,305	\$30,290	\$29,575	\$40,555
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	48%	48%	50%	42%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	16%	17%	13%	20%

A Note About Donations

We are *not* permitted to distribute EXPIRED food items.

Please check all dates before donating items; we have to throw away all expired items and any food items without a date.

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- Holiday Food Baskets
- Toy Collection

Online Donations

Both Paypal for Nonprofits and Network for Good will process donations to the Pantry. Please visit our website www.bowiefoodpantry.org for links to both sites.

Annual Scouting for Food Drive

The Annual Scouting for Food Drive will be held on November 12. The Boy Scouts distributed plastic bags to area homes on November 5; bags will be picked up on November 12. The Scouts will bring the food to the Bowie Food Pantry where it will be checked for dates, sorted, and shelved.

If you did not receive a bag, you are still welcome to participate in this effort. Donations

can be brought to the Kenhill Center on Saturday, November 12, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

This is a major food drive for the Pantry, and we are grateful to the Scouts for all their hard work. A special thank you to all who will be donating dry/canned goods in support of the Scouts and the Pantry.

Recent Food Drives

A special thank you to all those who donated food and/or money to the Pantry in September and October:

All Saints Lutheran Church
Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Iota
Gamma Omega Chapter
American Legion Auxiliary Post 66
Ascension Catholic Church -
St. Vincent de Paul
Apostolic Breakthrough Int'l Ministries
Belair Baptist Church
Berwyn Rod and Gun Cub
Blue Sky Stables
Bowie Center for the Performing Arts
Bowie Church of Christ
Bowie City Church
Bowie-Crofton Garden Club
Bowie Farmers Market
Bowie High School - NHS
Bowie High School PTSO
Bowie Lions Club
Charlie Hochman Fund
Christian Community Presbyterian
Church
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter
Day Saints

Citizens for Douglas J. J. Peters
Cresthill Baptist Church
Crop Walk
Curves of Glenn Dale
Davidsonville Ruritan Foundation, Inc.
Dell Foundation
Design Fix
DPI Specialty Foods
Ebenezer United Methodist Church
Faith Fellowship Church
Girl Scout Troop 1019
Girl Scout Troop 2044
Girl Scout Troop 2364
Girl Scout Troop 2386
Girl Scout Troop 3618
Good Hope Farmstead
Goodloe Memorial Unitarian
Community Church
Grace Baptist Church
Grace Lutheran Church
Greater Mt. Nebo Church
Greater Suburban Maryland (GSM)
Harris Greenbelt Office

Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
Jack and Jill of America - PG
Joy of Worship Ministries
M-NCPPC, Dept. of Parks and
Recreation
Microsoft Matching Funds
Mount Oak United Methodist Church
Murray Sisters & Friends
Northridge Community
PGCAC Delta Sigma Theta Sorority
Reformed Presbyterian Church of
Bowie
Southern Comforters Quilt Guild of
Bowie
St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
St. Edward the Confessor Catholic
Church
St. Matthew's United Methodist
Church
Temple Solel
Trinity Lutheran Church
Unity Center of Light
United Parish of Bowie
Village Baptist Church

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.

Suggested Items for Holiday Food Baskets

- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 2 cans/jars gravy
- 1 box stuffing
- 2 cans corn
- 2 cans green beans
- 1 can mushroom soup
- 1 box crispy onion pieces
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 can yams/sweet potatoes
- 1 box hot chocolate packets or
1 box apple cider packets
- 1 bag marshmallows
- 1 dessert
- snack item
- holiday paper products - napkins, cups,
and/or plates
- *Perishable Items:* turkey, chicken, ham/
ham steaks (Christmas only) eggs, butter



Please Note: These are only suggestions - all donations are greatly appreciated.

Groups/Individuals are welcome to donate entire basket(s) or selected items. Please let the Pantry know if you plan to donate one or more complete baskets so we can plan ahead.

Toy Collection

Preparations are under way for our annual “toy room.” Some of our families are adopted by groups/individuals, but there are many more children who need our help. Moms and dads pick out a toy/gift for each of their children as well as stocking stuffers. Donations of new toys/gifts are now being accepted.

We also need wrapping paper, tags, bows, gift bags, etc. Items should be brought to the Pantry no later than December 16. Our children range in age from infant to 18; we especially need items for middle and high school students.



Bowie City Church members went shopping at local stores on October 30. Members focused on our greatest needs including cereal, rice, applesauce, granola bars, and soup.

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



Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority held their annual food drive to benefit the pantry; it was a great success as always!



Berwyn Rod and Gun Club does it again; their food collections stock our shelves when we need it the most!



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's annual community food drive brought lots of veggies and other food items to the Pantry. Thanks to all who spent the day at Wal-Mart collecting food for the Pantry

A Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Donors



As you can see by our monthly Pantry statistics, the Pantry continues to register new families each month, and the need has increased over the years. Fortunately, we have not turned anyone away due to empty shelves. We could not have done this without your help. Your generosity and compassion is greatly appreciated. Our Pantry counts you among the many blessings for which we are grateful. We wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving!

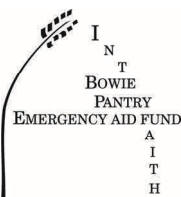
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Hours:

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

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