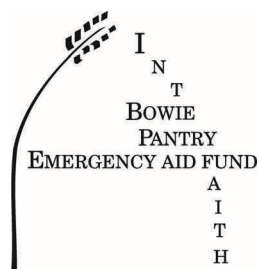


September/
October 2014



Pantry Patter

Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- Sept 20 Bowie Health Fair 11-3
- Sept 23 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- Oct 4 Bowie International Festival 11-5
Allen Pond
- Oct 5 Bowie CROP Walk 1 pm
- Oct 14 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- Oct 28 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- Sundays Bowie Farmers Market
8 am–12 Noon

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

| | August 2014 | July 2014 | June 2014 | August 2013 |
|---|-------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|
| <i>Households Served</i> | 276 | 261 | 256 | 255 |
| <i>Client Visits</i> | 359 | 329 | 314 | 319 |
| <i>New Client Households</i> | 32 | 33 | 30 | 18 |
| <i>Children Under Age of 18</i> | 313 | 272 | 274 | 318 |
| <i>Bags of Groceries</i> | 875 | 780 | 752 | 794 |
| <i>Value of Food Distributed</i> | \$34,676 | \$31,494 | \$29,435 | \$33,195 |
| <i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i> | 46% | 41% | 43% | 45% |
| <i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i> | 19% | 21% | 17% | 18% |

Special Monthly Distributions

September/October Special: Paper Products

Our clients would appreciate donations of toilet paper, paper towels, and tissues. Thank you for your generosity.

Inside this Issue:

- Bowie CROP Walk
- Backpack Project
- Volunteer Needed
- Adopt-a-Shelf
- Holidays Coming!

Greatest Needs

- Canned soup
- Canned fish - salmon and clams
- Granola/fruit bars
- Dry goods - boxed mashed potatoes, rice
- Fresh fruit
- Applesauce

Backpack Project a Huge Success!

96 children grades PreK -12 received backpacks from the Pantry. Parents brought school lists to the pantry and backpacks were packed according to each list. The parents were very grateful, and many of the children (especially the younger ones) put their backpacks on and smiled as they told us how excited they were for school to begin! Special thanks to the following who donated school supplies:

- The Fun Bunch at The Willows
- The Goddard School
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- Countless Individuals

Volunteer Needed for BJ's Pick Up

We need a volunteer to pick up bread and dessert items at BJ's every Monday morning around 8:30am. Usually there are two full shopping carts to load into your vehicle so a minivan or SUV is needed. Please contact Debbie for more details.

Holiday Season is Approaching

As in past years, the Pantry will distribute food baskets at Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will also have a "toy room" for parents to select gifts for their children. If you are interested in donating food baskets or adopting families and/or children, please let us know. More information will be posted on our website in mid-October and will appear in our next newsletter.

Adopt-a-Shelf Program

Special thanks to all those who participate in our Adopt-a-Shelf Program. We are grateful for your support, and it is a huge help knowing that a steady supply of each item can be counted on each month. We are looking for more groups to participate in our program. All food items are available for adoption. The quantities we distribute are so high, we do not expect any one group to fully stock a shelf. Please let us know what item you want to collect and bring to the Pantry on a regular basis. We will put a small plaque on the shelf with your name and item adopted.

Pasta - Diane Polangin

Peanut Butter - Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce

Rice - United Parish of Bowie

Desserts/Meats - Bowie Lions Club

Soup - The Entry Point Institute, LLC

Soup - St. Pius X Regional School - 8th Grade

Tomato Products - Northridge Community

Spaghetti Sauce - Trinity Lutheran Church

Fruit - Mount Oak Fellowship

Meats - St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

Tuna - Darlene Bagby

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 CROP Walk to Benefit Pantry—Sunday, October 5

The Bowie CROP Walk to end world hunger will take place on Sunday, October 5. The walk will begin at 1:00 at St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 14900 Annapolis Road, with registration from 12:15-1:00. Walkers will have a choice of a 2.5 mile or 4.5 mile walk.

This year the Bowie walk hopes to raise \$15,000. As in previous years, 25% of all proceeds raised from the walk will go to the Food Pantry. Food donations will also



be collected on the day of the walk. The Pantry is forming its own team for the walk this year; walker donation envelopes are available at the

Pantry. All team members must fill out an envelope. Walkers are encouraged to collect donations prior to the walk, but you are welcome to just come and walk with us!

Together, we can all help to end hunger in our own community and throughout the world.

Food Drives/Donations

A special thank you to all those who donated food and/or money to the pantry in July, August and early September:

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| All Saints Lutheran Church | Girl Scout Troop #3480 - Snak Paks for Kidz | S.T.R.O.N.G. |
| American Legion | Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Congregation | St. Matthew's United Methodist Church and VBS |
| Ascension Catholic Church and St. Vincent de Paul | Grace Lutheran Church | Signs by Tomorrow |
| Belair Bath and Tennis | Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce | Soroptimist International of Bowie-Crofton |
| Berwyn Rod and Gun Club | Greater Mount Nebo Church | St. Barnabas Episcopal Church |
| Bowie Community Outreach Committee - Sunset Concerts | Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and Hunger Committee | Temple Solel |
| Christ Community Church | Kaiser Permanente | Trinity Lutheran Church |
| Church World Service | Kenilworth Elementary School | United Parish of Bowie |
| City of Bowie | MOMS Club of Bowie North | Unity Center of Light |
| City of Bowie Gymnasium | Mount Oak UM Church | Village Baptist Church |
| Cresthill Baptist Church and VBS | Peapod | Weichert Realtors |
| Curves of Glenn Dale | Quality Business Services | Woodland Lake Maintenance Corporation |
| Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary | Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie - VBS | Xi Alpha Phi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi |
| Ebenezer United Methodist Church | | |

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



On September 3, The Berwyn Rod and Gun Club held a food drive to benefit the Food Pantry. Members brought the HUGE donation to the Pantry on September 5.

Berwyn Rod and Gun Club have been longtime supporters of the Pantry, and we appreciate their efforts to help those in need.

Pictured right to left: Don Pollock, Paul Bowlin, John Bridendolph, Chris Buss and Rick Anderson.



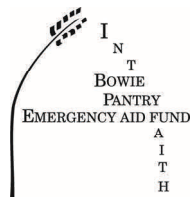
Greater Mt. Nebo A.M.E. Church held a Fill the Van event in support of the Pantry on August 9. Sister Audrey and Sister Shirley drove the OVERFLOWING van to the Pantry where cart after cart of food was unloaded. We appreciate their hard work and efforts to coordinate this successful event.



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

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