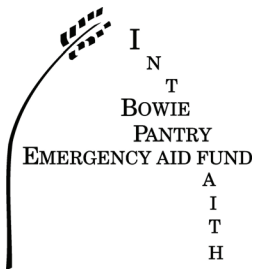


September 2012



Pantry Patter



Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 22** Bowie Health Fair
Donations Accepted
- Sept. 30** Concert
Fundraiser at St. Matthew's 4:00
- October 6** Bowie International Festival
11:00–5:00
- October 7** Bowie CROP Walk
1:00
- October 9** Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- October 12** Movie Night at Patuxent Outdoor Theatre

	August 2012	July 2012	June 2012	August 2011
<i>Households Served</i>	204	170	167	220
<i>Client Visits</i>	263	215	216	415
<i>New Client Households</i>	21	14	13	46
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	265	215	196	333
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	664	544	532	1,176
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$25,704	\$20,015	\$20,095	\$43,618
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	42%	44%	50%	42%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	25%	26%	20%	16%

Special Monthly Distributions

September Special: Cooking Spray/Oil

It isn't easy to cook meals without cooking spray or oil; these are frequently requested items at the pantry. Please help us stock up on this pantry essential. Any kind of cooking spray or oil (olive, vegetable, etc.) would be appreciated.

October Special: Toilet Paper

The pantry packs one roll of toilet paper in each set of groceries. With your help, we could give everyone an extra roll! Donations of toilet paper can be dropped off at the pantry or at one of our many donation sites throughout the city.

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Our Greatest Needs

- ★ **SOUP**—we really need soup!!!
Tomato, vegetable, beef, chicken, and cream soups
- ✓ Spaghetti and pasta
- ✓ Canned beans (all kinds—kidney, black, chick peas, baked, pork & beans)
- ✓ Cereal including oatmeal
- ✓ Tuna fish
- ✓ Applesauce

Successful School Supply Drive

The pantry supplied 110 students (ranging in age from Pre-School to High School) with fully loaded backpacks this year. A heartfelt **Thank You** to all those who donated/and or served as drop off sites for school supplies including:

- The Goddard School
- St. Matthew's UMC
- Berg, Lawrence & Weng Pediatric Dental Specialists
- St. Edward the Confessor
- The Willows
- Long & Foster
- Texas Roadhouse
- Unity Center of Light
- Countless Individuals

Thank You to Our Donation Drop Off Sites

The Pantry has noticed an increase in donations from our drop off sites, listed below. Thank you for allowing us to reach out to those throughout the community.

- Bowie Interfaith Pantry
- Bowie Gymnasium
- Bowie Library
- Bowie Senior Center
- CCPC Narthex
- Every Second Counts Boutique
- Kenhill Center
- Long and Foster (Now in Crofton)
- Melvin Motors
- PNC Bank (Rt. 450 & Stonybrook Dr)
- YMCA (Moylan Drive)



Recent Food Drives

The Pantry thanks the following for their very successful food drives during the month of **August**:

- DeCaro, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher & DeBlasis
- Andrew Suddeth—Eagle Court of Honor Ceremony
- Tai Chi & Music
- City of Bowie Gymnasium
- Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce

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 Farmer's Market

Every Sunday from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon, volunteers from the Pantry are in the parking lot of Bowie High School collecting donations of food and money from visitors to the Farmer's Market.

The Market has been a *huge* success for the pantry. The volunteers shop at the Market with the donated funds and visitors to the market purchase fresh produce and bread for our clients. At the end of market, the local farmers donate their leftover produce to the Pantry.

We have been overwhelmed by everyone's generosity! Our clients are thrilled to have fresh eggplant, squash, cucumbers, tomatoes, potatoes, green beans, okra, peppers, etc. The Pantry will continue to be at the Market on Sundays through October 28.

A very special thank you to the City of Bowie, Matt Corley, Bowie Green Team, John Teasdale, and Jim Unger for making this possible!

Concert to Benefit Pantry

On Sunday, September 30, at 4:00 p.m., St. Matthew's UMC will host a recital by pianist, Dr. Cole Burger of the Levine School of Music. The program theme is Seasons and Holidays throughout the year and around the world. A light reception will follow immediately.



The concert is free—an offering will be taken that will benefit the Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund. *St. Matthew's is located at 14900 Annapolis Road (next to Bowie HS).*

Movie Night!

Patuxent Outdoor Theatre will feature Pixar's *Monsters, Inc.* on Friday, October 12, at 7:00 p.m. Donations of canned goods to benefit the Pantry will be accepted. The Patuxent Nursery is located at 2410 N. Crain Highway. The snack bar will be open! More details can be found on their website: www.patuxentnursery.com.

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

Shows/Fairs Can Raise Funds

Many of you are familiar with the wonderful photography of Dick Arnold, Pantry volunteer and Executive Board Member. Dick has many beautiful, framed photographs and note cards available for purchase. Checks should be made out to the Bowie Interfaith Pantry; 100% of the money goes to the pantry.

If your group/organization is having a craft fair, fall market, or similar event where Dick could have a table to display his photos and note cards, we would be most appreciative. Dick also has copies of his book "Backyard Treasures" available for a donation of \$30. For more information, please contact Dick directly at 301-908-6088.

Phone Book Coupon Can Help Pantry Buy More Food!

Many of you have received the black community phone book for Bowie. In the center of the book, on the third orange page of coupons, there is a coupon for \$5 off a \$30 purchase at Aldi's. If you do not plan to use this coupon, please tear it out and bring it to the Pantry so that it can be used when we shop at Aldi's to stock the Pantry shelves. ***Thank you!***

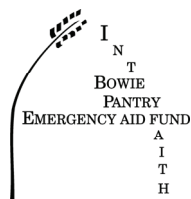
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Bowie CROP Walk to Benefit Pantry—Sunday, October 7

The Bowie CROP Walk to end world hunger will take place on Sunday, October 7. 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 our 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.



Hours:

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

The Pantry is located in the Education Building behind Christian Community Presbyterian Church.