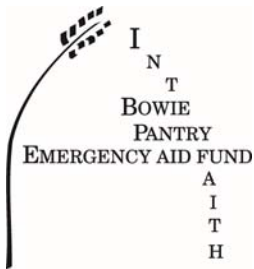


July/August 2020



Pantry Patter

Pantry Statistics

	June 2020	May 2020	June 2019	May 2019
<i>Households Served</i>	384	405	237	245
<i>Client Visits</i>	539	543	289	314
<i>New Client Households</i>	52	100	17	11
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	481	543	185	194
<i>Totes of Groceries</i>	1,082	1,082	572	622
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$44,485	\$45,655	\$21,900	\$22,620
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	46%	40%	48%	43%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	21%	23%	15%	17%

Upcoming Events:

- July 14 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- July 28 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- August 11 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- August 25 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 7 Labor Day
PANTRY CLOSED

- Households Served*
- Client Visits*
- New Client Households*
- Children Under Age of 18*
- Totes of Groceries*
- Value of Food Distributed*
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Inside this Issue:

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Greatest Needs

- Soup (*not* chicken noodle or tomato)
- Condiments (mustard, ketchup, relish, salad dressing, etc.)
- Dry Goods (mashed potatoes, hamburger helper, pasta sides, etc.)

Summer Hours

- Client Pick Up: MWF 9 -11 a.m.
- Donations: MWF 8 -11 a.m.
- 2nd & 4th Tuesdays:
Client Pick Up: 6 - 7 p.m.
Donations: 5 - 7 p.m.

Lunch is Served!

Many thanks to Zeta Amicae Auxiliary of Prince George's County who brought us lunch—pizza!! Your kindness is much appreciated.

Like us on Facebook!



Pantry Operations

The Pantry continues to distribute food to all those in need. Everyone receives two bags of food, personal care items, and fresh fruit and vegetables. Thanks to the overwhelming generosity of the community, our shelves are well stocked. We cannot thank you enough!

We continue to offer drive-up service only and changed our hours as of June 15 (see *page 1*). Our new summer hours will continue through at least September 4.

We always knew we had the best volunteers in the world, but to see them in action during these difficult times has been inspiring. Some volunteers are working inside the Pantry packing, sorting, shelving, answering the phone, keeping files up to date, etc. while others are outside bringing in donations and loading food into vehicles. In order to social distance, we have a very small crew at work. Other volunteers are working in the Pantry garden, shopping for our shelves, and picking up donations at local stores.

The Pantry thanks each and every one of our volunteers for their hard work and dedication to those in need. They come to work each day with a smile and a helping hand.

Bowie Victory Christian Ministries International held two successful food drives for the Pantry - one in May at Kenhill Center and one in June at Giant (Freestate Mall).

School Backpack Program

Even though we do not know what the new school year will look like, we do know that our children will need supplies for classroom learning or distance learning. We have a good amount of inventory already and we are now accepting donations of the following items:

- 1-inch binders
- College-rule filler paper
- Wide-rule filler paper
- Graph paper
- 8-tab divider packs
- Plastic folders (pockets, no prongs)
- Glue sticks
- Blue pens
- Colored pencils (12-pack)
- Highlighters
- Pencil sharpeners
- Post-It notes



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.

Food Drives/Donations

A special thank you to the following who donated food and/or money to the Pantry in mid-May, June and early July:

Adobe
 All Saints Lutheran Church
 Ascension Catholic Church & St. Vincent DePaul Society
 Berwyn Rod & Gun Club
 BJs
 Blue Skys Stable
 Bowie Church of Christ
 Bowie High School - NHS
 Bowie Lions Club
 Bowie Victory Christian Ministries International
 Building Hope Ministries
 Charlie Hochman Fund
 Chesapeake Grill
 Christian Community Presbyterian Church
 The Church at Bowie
 The Cleaning Authority
 Collington Life Care Community
 Concerts for Causes, Inc.
 Cresthill Church
 Ebenezer United Methodist Church
 Faith Fellowship Church
 FTI Consulting
 General Dynamics Mission Systems, Inc.
 GSCNC Service Unit 21-11
 Girl Scout Troop 22028
 Grace Baptist Church
 Grace Lutheran Church
 Greater Mount Nebo AME Church
 Healthcare Solutions, LLC
 Knights of Columbus Council 2577
 Longleaf Neighborhood

Masks by Hannah
 Microsoft
 MOMS Club of Bowie
 Mount Oak United Methodist Church
 NASA Federal Credit Union
 National Cathedral
 New Foundation Apostolic Ministries International
 Northridge Community
 NVIDIA
 Perfecting Worship Center
 Quality Business Services
 RMA Parrish, LLC
 Sacred Heart Catholic Church
 St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
 St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
 St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
 St. Pius X Catholic Church
 State Farm - Shanna Stringfield
 Smith & Associates
 Springdale Community Church
 Temple Solel
 Temple Solel Religious School
 Trinity Lutheran Church
 United Parish of Bowie
 Unity Center of Light
 Village Baptist Church
 Walmart
 Wegmans
 X3M Systems
 Zeta Amicae Auxiliary of Prince George's County



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.

Food Pantry Garden in 7th Season Growing Food for Clients

The Bowie Food Pantry Garden has started its seventh season at the Kenhill Center. It began as a single 1,200 sq. ft. garden, but has expanded to two gardens totaling 2,520 sq. ft. plus a buffer area with many perennial native species. Eight 8' by 4' raised beds have been installed for growing cool-season spring and fall crops. This spring these beds were



planted with four varieties of leaf lettuce, two varieties of kale, Swiss chard, and beets, as well as onions, carrots, and pak choi. We will harvest these from May to July, then plant fall crops in late August.

Summer crops are generally rotated among four garden sections: (1) tomatoes, (2) cucumbers and summer squash, (3) peppers, and (4) okra and sweet potatoes. This year seven varieties of tomatoes are being grown along with eleven varieties of peppers.

Most of the production practices are aligned with organic farming standards. [City regulations prohibit us from spraying any product requiring an applicator license.]

The pantry garden currently has 17 volunteers who perform all operations including soil preparations, planting, weeding and harvesting. Harvests are conducted on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings before the pantry opens at 9:00 a.m.



The pantry garden receives donations to its operations in many forms. The Bowie Crofton Garden Club makes an annual monetary donation that can be used for garden operations when needed. Brian Gollsneider rototilled the garden in preparation for planting this spring. Bud Kerr solicited a donation of seeds from Renee's Garden, a seed company in California that specializes in unique varieties. Sue Livera received a donation of tomato and herb transplants from the Gwynn Park High School greenhouse.

Melissa Vice donated pepper plants raised in her greenhouse. Ken and Patty McCaughey built a nicely designed brick patio entrance to the garden gate. We greatly appreciate all that volunteers and contributors provide.



If you are interested in volunteering at the pantry garden, contact John Teasdale at john.teasdale2@verizon.net.

Donate Fresh Produce

We are committed to providing fresh produce to our families during the summer months. We encourage all local gardeners to bring their "extra" produce to the Pantry. Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings after 8 a.m. We distribute food 9 to 11 a.m.

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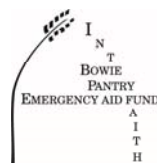
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Hours:

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