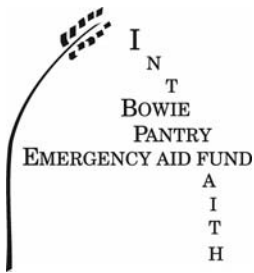


March/April 2020



## Pantry Statistics

### Upcoming Events:

- Mar 10 Evening Hours  
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Mar 24 Evening Hours  
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- April 14 Evening Hours  
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- April 10 Good Friday  
Pantry is OPEN
- April 13 Easter Monday  
Pantry is OPEN
- April 28 Evening Hours  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

- Households Served*
- Client Visits*
- New Client Households*
- Children 18 and Under*
- Bags of Groceries*
- Value of Food Distributed*
- Percent to City of Bowie Residents*
- Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents*

February 2020	January 2020	February 2019	January 2019
239	261	247	270
291	345	302	324
16	16	11	28
182	225	177	210
578	680	600	638
\$24,910	\$24,390	\$21,475	\$22,795
42%	46%	47%	45%
18%	20%	18%	20%

## Greatest Needs

- Soup - all varieties except chicken noodle
- Meats - chili, corned beef hash, chicken, spam
- Canned vegetables - *not* green beans or corn
- Dry goods - rice, whole grain pasta, pasta sides, hamburger helper, etc.

## Volunteer Opportunity

We are looking for people to shop at BJs or Costco on a regular basis. The Pantry will provide you with a list of items to purchase. Items should be brought to the Pantry during our regular hours of operation. We will reimburse you by check. Please call or e-mail the Pantry if interested.

### Inside this Issue:

- What We Pack
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- Drop-Off Sites
- Adopt-A-Shelf Program

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## What We Pack

*Each household receives the following items:*

- 4 cans of Soup (a variety)
- 2 cans/bags of Beans (a variety)
- 4 cans of Vegetables (a variety)
- 1 canned Pasta (spaghettios, ravioli, beefaroni)
- 1 Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce
- 1 Tomato product (sauce, diced, paste, stewed)
- 2 cans Fruit or Applesauce (a variety)
- 1 Peanut Butter or Jelly
- 1 Condiment (ketchup, mustard, olives, salad dressing, gravy, relish, pickles, etc.)
- 2 cans Tuna Fish
- 1 can Clams or other fish (salmon, sardines, etc.)
- 3 cans Meat (beef stew, chili, chicken breast meat, corned beef hash, spam)
- 1 box Macaroni and Cheese
- 1 box Spaghetti/Pasta
- 2 other Dry Goods (rice, potatoes, stuffing, pasta/rice sides, helper)
- 1 Dessert (pudding, cookies, brownie mix)
- 1 box Cereal or Oatmeal
- 2 rolls of Toilet Paper
- 4 Granola/Fruit Bars (a variety)

Children 10 and under receive 100% juice. When available, we distribute fresh fruit and vegetables.

The Pantry also accepts donations of personal care products (regular and travel size), paper products, cleaning supplies, diapers, wipes, and baby food. Individual-size food items (complete meals, peanut butter, soups, fruit cups, crackers, tuna pouches) are needed for our homeless clients.

Donations of the above items are greatly appreciated. We encourage donors to purchase low sodium and whole grain items when possible.

## Donations

Please do not leave items at the Pantry entrance/exit. These items will be thrown away. Give us a call/e-mail and we will be happy to meet you at the Pantry to accept your donation. If it is a small donation, please consider using one of our drop-off sites.

## Drop-Off Sites

Many thanks to the following locations that serve as donation drop-off sites:

- ASAP Cleaners
- Bowie Senior Center
- City of Bowie Gymnasium
- Kenhill Center (blue bins at front entrance)
- Long and Foster (Now in Crofton)
- PNC Bank (Rt. 450 & Stonybrook Dr)
- Weichert Realtors (Rt. 197)



## Expired Food

Each week Pantry volunteers sort and shelve all non-perishable items donated to the Pantry. When sorting items, volunteers first check dates. We do not shelve or bag items with expired or unknown dates. Our insurance company strictly prohibits us from distributing expired items.

It would be helpful if groups/individuals could check dates before bringing items to the Pantry. While it is tempting to clean out your pantry and donate the food, it makes our job much harder. Anything you can do to make our job easier (and less back-breaking!) would be appreciated.

## 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.

## Adopt-a-Shelf Program

Many thanks to all those who participate in our Adopt-a-Shelf Program. We are grateful for your continued support. All food items are available for adoption. We distribute hundreds of each item every month, and we do not expect any one individual/group to completely stock a shelf.

Please let us know what item you want to collect and bring to the Pantry on a regular basis. A list of items we pack is included in this newsletter. We will put a small plaque on the shelf with your name and item adopted. If we haven't received a donation for the shelf in a year, the plaque will be removed until reactivated.

*Beans* - Temple Solel

*Beef stew* - St. Barnabas Episcopal Church

*Cereal* - Greater Suburban Maryland (GSM) Chapter Jack and Jill

*Cereal* - Faith Fellowship Church

*Desserts* - Bowie Lions Club

*Canned fruit* - Mount Oak United Methodist Church

*Granola bars* - The Herrings

*Meats* - Bowie Lions Club

*Pasta* - Belair Baptist Church

*Peanut butter* - Top Ladies of Distinction - Prince George's County Chapter

*Peanut butter* - Greater Bowie Chamber of Commerce

*Rice* - United Parish of Bowie

*Soup* - Bowie Victory Christian Ministries International

*Soup* - Citadel Cathedral of Prayer International

*Spaghetti sauce* - Trinity Lutheran Church

*Tomato products* - Northridge Community

*Tuna fish* - Faith Fellowship Church

*Vegetables* - Prince George's County Chapter Jack and Jill

## Local Stores & Restaurants

The Pantry would like to thank the following stores and restaurants who donate food to the Pantry throughout the year:

- The Cakery
- B.J.'s Warehouse
- Giant Food - Free State Mall
- Giant Food - Collington
- Jersey Mike's
- MOM's Organic Market
- Walmart
- Wegman's - Waugh Chapel

"Food Donation Connection" coordinates pickups from:

- Chipotle



*Kindergarten students from St. Matthew's EEC program visited the Pantry along with their parents and teachers. Students collected over 550 food items for the Pantry!*

### *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 only available to residents of the City of Bowie

## Food Drives/Donations

*A special thank you to all those who donated food and/or money to the Pantry in January, February and early March:*

- All Saints Lutheran Church
- American Heritage Girls
- Ascension Catholic Church and St. Vincent DePaul
- Blue Skys Stable
- Bowie City Church
- Bowie High School
- Bowie High School PTSO
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Victory Christian Ministries International
- Chesapeake Chorale
- Children Can Come Closer
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- The Church at Bowie
- Citadel Cathedral of Prayer International
- City of Bowie
- Collington Life Care Community
- Cresthill Baptist Church
- Curves of Glenn Dale
- Faith Fellowship Church
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Mount Nebo AME Church
- Greater Suburban Maryland - Jack and Jill of America, Inc.
- Heather Hills Elementary School
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School - Basketball Tournament
- Knit Wits
- Martin Luther King Interfaith Service
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- National Council of Negro Women
- Northridge Community
- Northview Elementary School
- Patuxent Riding HOA
- Prince George's County Chapter - Jack and Jill of America, Inc.
- Psi Epsilon Omega, Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Quality Business Services
- Red Robin Gourmet Burgers and Brews
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- Sacred Heart Church
- Springdale Community Church
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- St. Matthew's EEC Kindergarten Class
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- St. Pius X Catholic Church
- Temple Solel & Charlie Hochman Fund
- Temple Solel Education Program
- Temple Solel - Men of Solel
- Top Ladies of Distinction - Prince George's County
- TOPS #MD0055
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Unity Center of Light
- United Parish of Bowie
- Village Baptist Church
- Yorktown Elementary School—NHS

## Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund

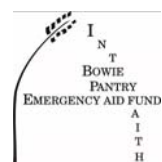
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**Hours:**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 am—12:00 noon  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month 6:00—7:00 pm

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