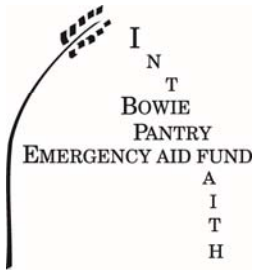


May/June 2020



Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund



Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- May 25 Memorial Day  
Pantry CLOSED
- May 26 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- June 9 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- June 23 Evening Hours 6-7 pm

- 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*

April 2020	March 2020	April 2019	March 2019
413	270	253	240
515	341	314	301
182	43	11	10
516	226	167	189
1044	680	618	592
\$53,695	\$24,700	\$23,060	\$22,405
41%	48%	47%	46%
23%	22%	17%	16%

Greatest Needs:

- Soup            Cereal            Beefaroni/Ravioli            Canned Meats
- Fresh Produce            Boxed/Bagged Rice            Canned Fruit

*Please note: Regular size items are preferred over large or restaurant size*

Volunteer Opportunity

Volunteers are needed to shop at local stores. We will reimburse you. If interested, please e-mail the Pantry at [bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com). Please include the stores you prefer to shop in and we will provide you with a list of items to purchase.

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## Pantry COVID-19 Response

No one could have imagined as we left the Pantry on March 11 that our operations would be changed drastically when we reopened on March 13. Beginning Friday, March 13, we moved our pantry operations outside.

Since then only a small group of volunteers has entered the Pantry. We made this decision so that we could remain operational. We asked all volunteers who are elderly/have underlying health issues or go home to someone who is elderly/has health issues to remain at home. This has been very hard for our volunteers whose commitment to the work of the Pantry is unsurpassed.

The volunteers who remain are self-isolating except for essential trips outside the home. Working with a smaller group has allowed us to maintain the social distancing necessary to continue our operations. All of us are wearing masks and gloves; many thanks to those who have provided us with masks and gloves.

We offer drive-up service only at this time. Clients are checked in, and we load their vehicles with 2 bags of groceries, fresh produce, personal care items and toilet paper. We continue to register new clients by appointment only. Almost all have gotten a same-day appointment. We have not turned anyone away and continue to serve low-income residents of Prince George's County. Client pick up hours remain the same: M, W, F mornings 9-11:45 am and the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evenings from 6-7 pm.

In cooperation with the City of Bowie and the Bowie Senior Center, we are providing food to 32 senior households. The food is delivered to them by the Bowie Senior Center buses.

The outpouring from the community has been nothing short of amazing. We are humbled and grateful for the compassion and commitment to make sure that everyone has food to eat during this difficult time. It has been 9 weeks since March 13, and the donations keep coming. This has allowed us to continue helping all those who come to us in need. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts; you are an inspiration to all of us.

None of us know how long this will last or what our new normal will look like. We do know that with the continued commitment of our volunteers and the unwavering support of our community, we will be able to provide food to all those who come to us in need.

**DONATIONS** can be brought to the Pantry M, W, F mornings 8 am-12:30 pm and on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays from 5-7 pm. Please drive to the parking area by the ballfields and remain in your car. A volunteer will come and take the food from your car.



*Tropical Smoothie Café brought some love and support to the Wednesday volunteers. Thank you for the delicious smoothies and boxed lunches!*



*Grace Baptist Church held a community food drive in April for the Pantry. Many thanks to all those who dropped off food at Jireh Place.*

### 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 Drives

*A special thank you to the following who donated food, money, or other items to the Pantry in March, April and early May:*

- Advanced Technology Systems
- All Saints Lutheran Church
- American Heritage Girls
- Ascension Catholic Church
- Ascension Catholic Church - St. Vincent DePaul
- B.N.V. Remodeling Co.
- Berwyn Rod and Gun Club
- Bethel Church
- Blue Skys Stable
- Bowie City Church
- Bowie High School - NHS
- Bowie Ice Rink - Ice Skaters
- Bowie Interfaith Recreation Council
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Recreation Council
- Bowie Victory Christian Ministries International
- Boxlee Azalea, Inc.
- Building Hope Ministries
- Byrd & Byrd, LLC
- Chesapeake Chorale
- Chosen Generation Church
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- The Church at Bowie
- Citadel Cathedral of Prayer International
- City of Bowie
- Collington Life Care - Outreach Committee
- Cornerstone Church
- Cresthill Baptist Church
- Curves of Glenn Dale
- Davidsonville Ruritan Fdn., Inc.
- Ebenezer United Methodist Church
- Faith Fellowship Church
- Giant Food - Free State Mall
- Girl Scout Troop 1253
- Girl Scout Troop 21019
- Girl Scout Troop 6089
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Bowie Democratic Club
- Greater Mount Nebo AME Church
- GSM/Jack and Jill of America
- Healthcare Solutions, LLC
- Heather Hills Elementary School
- Helping People Who Help Other People, Fdn., Inc.
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School
- IMI Academy
- James Ryder Randall ECC/Elementary
- Knights of Columbus Council 2577
- Knights of St. John/Ascension Commandery 283
- Little Giggles Family Day Care
- Long and Foster Realty
- Macy's Bowie Town Center
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries
- Mullikan Station
- New Liberation Church
- Northridge Community
- Northview Elementary School
- Novo Nordisk
- Pettus-Bellamy Pediatrics, Inc.
- Prince George County Chapter - Jack and Jill of America, Inc.
- Quality Business Services
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- St. Pius X Catholic Church
- Smith & Associates
- Springdale Community Church
- Temple Solel & The Charlie Hochman Fund
- Temple Solel - Men of Solel
- Top Ladies of Distinction - Prince George's County
- T-Rex Corporation
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Turning Point Energy Development, LLC
- Unity Center of Light
- United Parish of Bowie
- Village Baptist Church
- Yorktown Elementary School - NEHS

## Easter Bunny Visits Pantry

A very special thank you to the groups and individuals who made Easter Baskets for our children. The baskets were BEAUTIFUL; our moms and dads, and of course their children, were most grateful for your generosity.

United Parish of Bowie  
Individual Donors



## Annual Volunteer Luncheon

Each spring the Executive Board of the Pantry hosts a luncheon for the volunteers. Unfortunately, that event has been postponed. At the luncheon we share our yearly statistics which are provided below:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Client visits	4,628	4,102	3,887	3,833
Totes of food distributed	9,373	8,271	7,706	7,602
New client households	283	236	203	181
Volunteer hours	9,157	8,940	8,756	9,257
Households Served	790	707	646	611

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our volunteers. We are like family - a big one - 120 strong, and each and everyone plays a vital role in the work of the Pantry. It is difficult not being able to work together at this time, but hopefully we will be together again soon. Our volunteers are extraordinary and irreplaceable.

## 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 M, W, F mornings after 8 am — we are open 9 am - 12 noon.



*The pantry garden has been prepped and planted. Many thanks to our gardeners led by John Teasdale. We are looking forward to harvest time!*

### 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.

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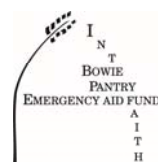
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### Hours:

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.*