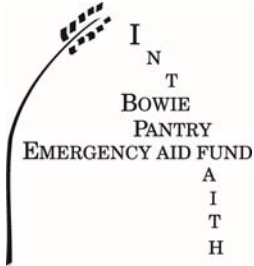


November/
December 2019



Pantry Patter

Pantry Statistics

	October 2019	September 2019	October 2018	September 2018
<i>Households Served</i>	279	252	297	253
<i>Client Visits</i>	356	311	381	304
<i>New Client Households</i>	19	18	25	18
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	233	200	233	191
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	708	614	756	602
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$27,010	\$23,400	\$28,895	\$23,090
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	45%	44%	50%	50%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	22%	22%	16%	16%

Upcoming Events:

- Nov 9 Scouting for Food Drive
- Nov 12 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- Nov 26 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- Nov 27-29 Pantry CLOSED
- Dec 10 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- Dec 24, 25 Pantry CLOSED

A Note About Donations

We are *not* permitted to distribute EXPIRED food items. Please check all dates before donating items; we have to throw away all expired items and any food items without a date.

Annual Scouting for Food Drive

The Annual Scouting for Food Drive will be held on November 9. Boy Scouts distributed bags/notices to area homes on November 2; bags will be picked up on November 9. The Scouts will bring the food to the Bowie Food Pantry where it will be checked for dates, sorted, and shelved.

If you did not receive a notice, you are still welcome to participate in this effort. Donations can be brought to the Pantry on Saturday, November 9, from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

We are grateful to the Scouts and leaders for their commitment to feeding the hungry in our community. A special thank you to everyone who will be donating dry/canned goods in support of the Scouts and the Pantry.

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Our Greatest Needs

Soup
Beefaroni
Cereal
Dry Goods

Healthier Options Needed

A growing number of our clients are in need of healthier dry/canned goods. Items we are in need of include the following:

- Canned fruit—no sugar added
- Canned vegetables, soup, beans—no salt/low salt
- Salmon—canned or pouch
- Brown rice
- Whole grain pasta
- Whole grain mac & cheese
- Pudding cups—sugar free
- Cheerios
- Regular oatmeal
- Jar of peanuts—lightly salted or unsalted

Recent Food Drives

A special thank you to all those who donated food and/or money to the Pantry in September, October, and early November:

- All Saints Lutheran Church
- Ascension Catholic Church and St. Vincent DePaul
- Blue Sky Stables
- Bowie City Church
- Bowie Community Theatre
- Bowie Farmers Market
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Victory Christian Ministries
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- Clearfield Estates HOA
- Collington CCRC
- Cresthill Church
- Curves of Glenn Dale
- Faith Fellowship Church
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Mt. Nebo AME Church/ Women's Missionary Society
- Greater Suburban Maryland (GSM) Group

- Ivy Community Charities of PG County; Omega Chapter Alpha Kappa Alpha
- Mission 40
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- Northridge Community
- Quality Business Services
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- Smith and Associates
- Southern Comforters Quilt Guild
- Temple Solel and The Charlie Hochman Fund
- Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. - Prince George County Chapter
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Unity Center of Light
- United Parish of Bowie
- Village Baptist Church
- Walmart
- Whitehall Elementary School

Our Mission

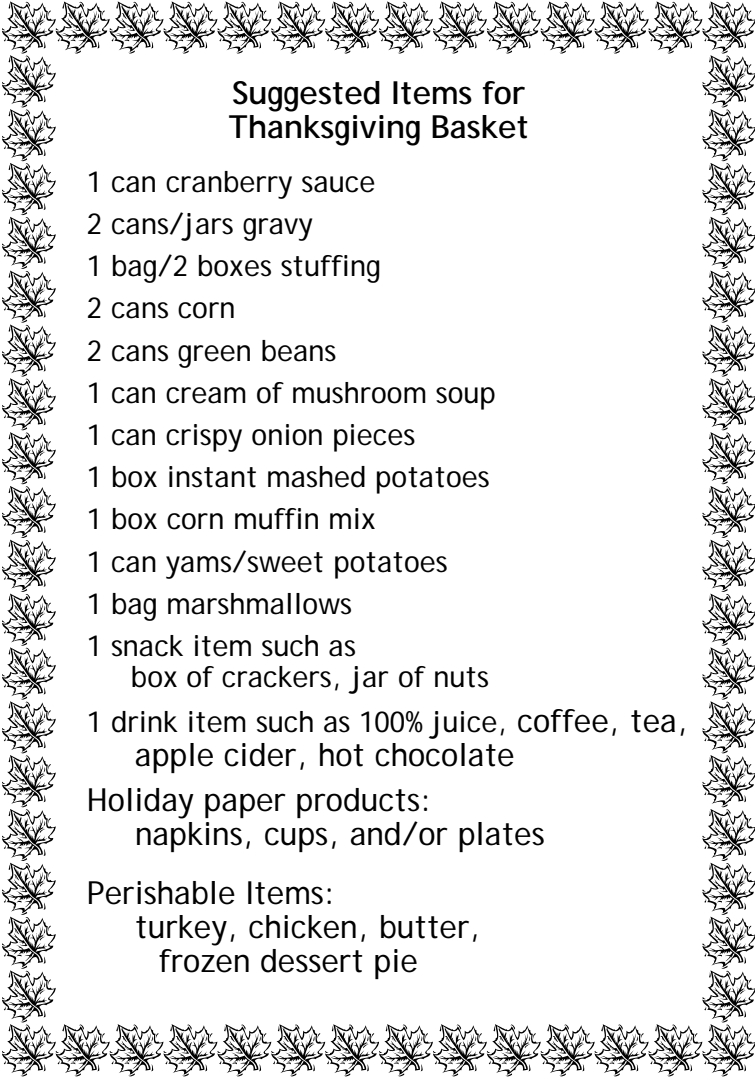
We are a community-based social services program providing emergency food and financial assistance* to those in Bowie and Prince George's County, who are experiencing need - without regard to race, creed or gender. If we are unable to meet the needs, we will make referrals to others who may be able to 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

Thanksgiving is Just Around the Corner

Every year, the Pantry provides Thanksgiving food baskets to those who come to the Pantry on a regular basis. Individuals/groups are welcome to donate entire basket(s) or specific items. Please let us know what you plan to donate by **November 15**. Donations can be dropped off M,W,F mornings 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon or by appointment. Our distribution days will be November 23 and 26. Items do not have to be placed in a “basket”; bags/boxes are fine.



Suggested Items for Thanksgiving Basket

- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 2 cans/jars gravy
- 1 bag/2 boxes stuffing
- 2 cans corn
- 2 cans green beans
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can crispy onion pieces
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 box corn muffin mix
- 1 can yams/sweet potatoes
- 1 bag marshmallows
- 1 snack item such as
box of crackers, jar of nuts
- 1 drink item such as 100% juice, coffee, tea,
apple cider, hot chocolate
- Holiday paper products:
napkins, cups, and/or plates
- Perishable Items:
turkey, chicken, butter,
frozen dessert pie

Getting Ready for Christmas!

Toy/Gift Room:

Our toy/gift room will be available once again for our parents to select gifts for their children. Donations of new toys/gifts should be brought to the pantry by **December 13**. We especially need gifts for children in middle school and high school. Gift bags, wrapping paper, bows, tags, and tape are also needed.

Food Baskets:

The Pantry will distribute Christmas food baskets to those who use the Pantry regularly. Items for the food baskets are the same as for the Thanksgiving Baskets except for the following:

- Additional Items: Pancake mix and syrup
- Instead of frozen dessert pie, we include tin/bag/box of Christmas cookies (not homemade)
- In addition to chickens and turkeys, we offer smoked/spiral hams and ham steaks

Please let us know by **December 6** if you plan to donate food. All items should be brought to the Pantry by Friday, **December 13**.

Adopt a Family:

If you wish to “adopt” a family for Christmas, please e-mail or call the Pantry. We will match you with a family and provide you with a wish list and clothing sizes for the children. You can adopt a family for toys/gifts only or you can provide their food basket as well. All items need to be at the Pantry on/before Monday, **December 16**.

Online Donations

Both Paypal for Nonprofits and Network for Good will process donations to the Pantry. Please visit our website www.bowiefoodpantry.org for links to both sites.

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.



Ivy Community Charities - Members of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority brought 21 bags of food to the pantry on October 14. Thank you for your continued support of the Pantry.

A Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Donors



Fortunately, we have not turned anyone away due to empty shelves. We could not have done this without your help. Your generosity and compassion is greatly appreciated. Our pantry counts you among the many blessings for which we are grateful. We wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving!



Bowie City Church - Members of Bowie City Church went shopping on Sunday, September 29 to stock the pantry. They filled our shelves with much needed items including dry goods, juice, soup, and dessert!

Weather Closings

If Prince George's County Public Schools (PGCPS) are **CLOSED** due to weather, the Pantry is **CLOSED**.

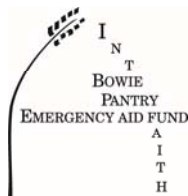
If PGCPS open **late**, the Pantry will be open from **10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**.

If PGCPS close early or cancel afternoon/evening activities on a **Tuesday**, the Pantry will be **CLOSED**.

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Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesday 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.