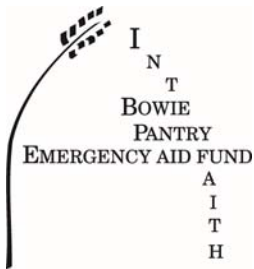


September/
October 2019



Pantry Patter

Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- Sundays Bowie Farmers Market 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
- Sept. 24 Evening Hours 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- October 5 Bowie International Festival 11-5 Allen Pond
- October 8 Evening Hours 6:00-7:00 p.m.
- October 12 Benefit Concert featuring Mission 40 Cresthill Church (6510 Laurel Bowie Road) 7:00 p.m.
Bring a donation of non-perishable items
- October 22 Evening Hours 6:00-7:00 p.m.

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

August 2019	July 2019	August 2018	July 2018
275	257	307	248
356	329	384	301
22	19	29	18
216	190	251	180
714	654	758	592
\$27,015	\$31,195	\$28,955	\$26,600
50%	41%	49%	46%
18%	19%	16%	17%

- Inside this Issue:
- Food Drives/Donations
 - Holiday Food Baskets
 - Christmas Toy Room

Greatest Needs

- Soup
- Canned Fruit/Applesauce
- 100% Juice
- Dry Goods (rice, pasta sides, potatoes, etc.)

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School Backpack Project—Update!

Thanks to your generosity, 109 children in grades Pre-K -12 arrived at school with fully-supplied backpacks. Many thanks to all of you who helped these students get off to a good start this school year!

- City of Bowie Gymnasium
- The Fun Bunch at The Willows
- The Goddard School of Bowie
- Greater Mt. Nebo
- St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- Smith & Associates
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light
- Countless Individuals



Food Drives/Donations

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

- All Saints Lutheran Church
- Ascension Catholic Church and St. Vincent DePaul
- Berwyn Rod and Gun Club
- Blue Skys Stable
- Bowie Community Outreach Committee - Sunset Concerts
- Bowie Community Theatre
- Bowie Crofton Garden Club
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Victory Christian Ministries
- Children Can Come Closer
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
- City of Bowie
- City of Bowie Gymnasium
- The Cleaning Authority
- Cresthill Church
- Curves of Glenn Dale
- Faith Fellowship Church
- Girl Scout Troop 2044
- Girl Scout Troop 3618
- Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Church
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Mount Nebo Church/ Women's Missionary Society
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- Grace Gives
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church - Summer Camps
- Knights of St. John/ Ascension Commandery No. 283
- Mariner Finance
- Mount Oak Sports Camps
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church -StreetReach
- Northridge Community
- Quality Business Services
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- Smith and Associates
- Springdale Community Church
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- Temple Solel and Charlie Hochman Fund
- TOPS MD 55 Bowie
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light
- Village Baptist Church
- Walmart

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 **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 **December 18**.



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—no salt/low salt
- Canned soup—low sodium
- Canned beans—low sodium
- Salmon—canned or pouch
- Brown rice—box/bag
- Whole grain pasta
- Whole grain mac and cheese
- Pudding cups—sugar free
- Cheerios
- Regular oatmeal
- Jar of peanuts—lightly salted/no salt

Healthy Snack Bags

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our healthy snack bag program. In July, 133 children received a shopping bag filled with goodies.



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.

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



Residents of The Willows provided a carload of school supplies for the Pantry.



The Goddard School collected many boxes of school supplies for the Pantry.



The Berwyn Rod and Gun Club continues its tremendous support of the Pantry with another donation of food and money.



Our garden continues to produce fresh vegetables for our families.

Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund

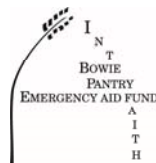
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Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
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.