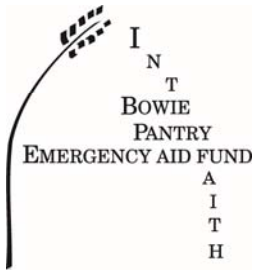


May/June 2021



Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund



Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- May 25 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- May 31 Memorial Day  
Pantry CLOSED
- June 8 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- June 22 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- July 5 4th of July Holiday  
Pantry CLOSED
- July 13 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 2021 | March 2021 | April 2020 | March 2020 |
|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| 356        | 336        | 413        | 270        |
| 501        | 493        | 515        | 341        |
| 18         | 23         | 182        | 43         |
| 286        | 275        | 516        | 226        |
| 990        | 976        | 1044       | 680        |
| \$45,940   | \$45,820   | \$53,695   | \$24,700   |
| 46         | 46         | 41%        | 48%        |
| 23%        | 23%        | 23%        | 22%        |

Greatest Needs:

- Soup
- Canned Meats  
(chili, beef stew, ham, corned beef hash)
- Spaghetti Sauce (24 oz.)
- Canned Fish (salmon, clams)
- Canned Fruit
- Paper Towels, Tissue Boxes

*Please Note: Regular size items are preferred over Large or restaurant size*

Volunteer Opportunities

1. Volunteers are needed to shop at local stores. We will reimburse you. Please email the Pantry if interested; include the stores you prefer to shop in and we will provide you with a list of items to purchase.
2. A volunteer is needed to pick up food donations weekly at ASAP Dry Cleaners located at the Bowie Marketplace. The donation box is just inside the entrance; you will need to bring your own bags. Please email the Pantry if interested.

Like us on Facebook!



## Year-End Statistics

|                           | <u>2016</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2018</u> | <u>2019</u> | <u>2020</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Client visits             | 4,628       | 4,102       | 3,887       | 3,833       | 5,423       |
| Totes of food distributed | 9,373       | 8,271       | 7,706       | 7,602       | 10,828      |
| New client households     | 283         | 236         | 203         | 181         | 595         |
| Volunteer hours           | 9,157       | 8,940       | 8,756       | 9,257       | 8,445       |
| Households Served         | 790         | 707         | 646         | 611         | 1,015       |

As expected, our numbers for 2020 showed a dramatic increase over previous years. The Pantry would like to thank all those who made it possible for us to serve those who came to us for help. Without our dedicated volunteers and our generous donors, we would not have been able to operate during the pandemic. The Pantry is fortunate to have the support of such a loving and caring community.

## 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 from 7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.



*We anxiously await fresh produce from our pantry gardens.*

## Special Thanks to our Senior Friends

During the pandemic, residents of Ginger Cove and Collington had meals delivered to their rooms in large/small sized brown paper bags. As the bags began to pile up, residents reached out to us to see if we might be able to use the bags for our food distribution.

Faced with purchasing our own handled bags, we quickly said YES and bags came to us weekly in large quantities. Thank you to the residents who saved their bags for us and to the residents who drove them to the Pantry. We used the bags to pack bread, fresh produce, and healthy snacks.

### *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

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

- All Saints Lutheran Church
- American Heritage Girls
- Ascension Catholic Church
- Ascension Catholic Church – St. Vincent DePaul
- Belair Church of Christ
- Bowie Church of Christ
- Bowie Ice Arena- Ice Skaters
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Victory Christian Ministries International
- Boy Scout Troop 403
- Building Hope Ministries
- Chesapeake Chorale
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- The Church at Bowie
- Citadel Cathedral of Prayer International
- City of Bowie Police Department
- Collington Life Care Community
- Cresthill Church
- Ebenezer United Methodist Church
- Electa Chapter 101
- Faith Fellowship Church
- Forester's Financial
- Fragrance of Grace International
- Friends Community School
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Morningstar Apostolic Church
- Greater Mount Nebo AME Church
- Heaven Sent Cupcakery
- Jack and Jill of America – GSM Group
- Jack and Jill of America – Prince George's County Chapter
- Knights of Columbus
- Long & Foster Realty
- Love A. M. E.
- Mitchellville Drifters, Inc.
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- Mount Rose MD Chapter of Links, Inc.
- National Council of Negro Women
- Northridge Community
- Old Town Grille
- Original Exclusive Ladies of Enugu
- Pearlette Youth Club
- Perfecting Worship Center
- Prince George County Chapter – Jack and Jill of America, Inc.
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- St. George's Episcopal Church
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- St. Pius X Catholic Church
- Smith & Associates
- Springdale Community Church
- Temple Solel & The Charlie Hochman Fund
- Top Ladies of Distinction – Prince George's County
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Unity Center of Light
- United Parish of Bowie
- Village Baptist Church
- Walmart
- Wegmans
- Weichert Realtors

## Easter Bunny Visits Pantry

A very special thank you to those who made Easter Baskets for our children. The baskets were *beautiful*, and our families enjoyed them very much.

Moms Club of Bowie  
 United Parish of Bowie  
 Individual Donors





*Members of Mount Rose MD Chapter of Links, Inc. continue to bring donations to the Pantry.*



*Another great donation from Heaven Sent Cupcakery.*



*The City of Bowie Police Department recently held a food drive for the pantry. It was a huge success; many thanks to all those who participated.*



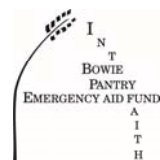
***Non-Profit Status***

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.

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**Hours:**  
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00–11:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month 6:00–7:00 p.m.

*The Pantry is located in the blue building behind the Kenhill Center. Donors should park by the ballfields—a volunteer will come and take the donation out of your car.*