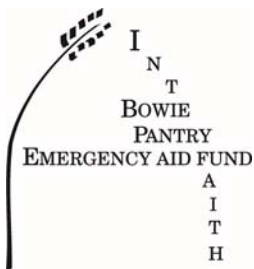


September/
October 2021



Pantry Patter

Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 14 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- Sept. 28 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- October 11 OPEN 9-11 a.m.
- October 12 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
(last Tuesday opening
due to darkness)

	August 2021	July 2021	August 2020	July 2020
<i>Households Served</i>	306	309	329	353
<i>Client Visits</i>	432	432	456	482
<i>New Client Households</i>	16	5	32	36
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	208	195	297	362
<i>Totes of Groceries</i>	854	854	916	958
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$42,770	\$40,005	\$41,385	\$40,545
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	51%	48%	48%	45%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	22%	23%	21%	23%

Evening Hours

The Pantry will be suspending evening hours after October 12. It will be too dark and cold to operate safely outside during the fall and winter months. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Greatest Needs

- Soup
- Healthy Cereal
- Granola Bars
- Canned Fruit/Applesauce
- Fresh Fruits & Vegetables

Facebook

For the latest pantry news including our greatest needs, please check our Facebook page. We post updates weekly. You do not have to "friend" us to view our page.

Inside this Issue:

- 2021 Holiday Meals/Gifts
- Food Drives/Donations
- Donation Sites Open

Like us on
Facebook!



2021 Thanksgiving and Christmas Special Programs



The Pantry will distribute grocery store gift cards to our families to purchase food for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will also distribute gift cards to our parents to purchase gifts for their children. We will *not* be accepting donations of toys, wrapping paper, bows, etc.

Donations of gift cards are appreciated; preferred stores include ALDI, Giant, Harris Teeter, Lidl, Safeway, Wegmans and Target.



School Backpack Project

Thanks to your generosity, 144 children in grades PreK–12 began the school year with school supplies and backpacks. Many thanks to all of you who helped these students get off to a good start this school year:

- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- Ladies of Bowie
- Smith & Associates
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light
- The Willows
- Countless Individuals



Pantry Website

In April 2021 our website transitioned from Yahoo Site Solution to WordPress. The new header is blue and contains up to date information. If you are still seeing our old website, please refresh your browser.

Donation Sites Open

Our donation sites in the City of Bowie are now open! These sites include the Bowie Senior Center and the Bowie Gym. If it is a *large* donation, please bring it to the Pantry. We appreciate your help.



Collection Sites

The Pantry would like to thank the following businesses for maintaining collection bins that their customers can use to donate to the Pantry. We appreciate their support.

- ASAP Dry Cleaners
- Long & Foster Realtors
- PNC Bank (MarketPlace)
- Starbucks (FreeState Mall)
- Weichert Realtors

Donate Fresh Produce

We are committed to providing fresh produce to our families throughout the year. 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 a.m.—we are distribute food 9-11 a.m.

Non-Profit Status

The Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Tax receipts are available for all donations.

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 & Gun Club
- Blue Skys Stable
- Bowie Church of Christ
- Bowie Ice Arena
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Outreach Committee
- Bowie Victory Christian Ministries International
- Building Hope Ministries
- Charlie Hochman Fund
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- Citadel Cathedral of Prayer International
- City of Bowie
- The Cleaning Authority
- Coldwell Banker Realty (Crofton office)
- Collington Life Care Community
- Continental Societies, Inc. Prince George's County Chapter
- Cresthill Church
- Ebenezer United Methodist Church
- Faith Fellowship Church
- Fragrance of Grace, International
- Giant Community Bag Program
- God's Bounty - A Community Garden
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Mount Nebo AME Church
- Heaven Sent Cupcakery
- Jack and Jill of America - GSM
- Jack and Jill of America - Prince George's County Chapter
- Job Factor
- Ladies of Bowie
- Ladies of Charity
- LOVE AME Church
- Mount Oak Dry Cleaners
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- NASA Federal Credit Union
- Northridge Community
- Perfecting Worship Center
- 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 Church
- Smith & Associates
- Springdale Community Church
- Sweetheart Wedding Vows
- Temple Solel
- Top Ladies of Distinction - Prince George's County
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light
- University of Maryland (produce)
- Village Baptist Church
- Walmart
- Wegmans
- Weichert Realty
- Williams Financial Services

Our Mission

The Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund provides food assistance to qualifying residents of Prince George's County. We are income based.

Residents of the City of Bowie may apply to our Emergency Aid Fund. The Fund provides assistance with rent, mortgage payments, and utilities.



Heaven Sent Cupcakery continues to bring donations to the food pantry! We appreciate your efforts!



Our okra crop continues to blossom.



Can't wait for our families to enjoy some butternut squash!



Gardeners have planted fall crops including collards, kale, broccoli, swiss chard and lettuce

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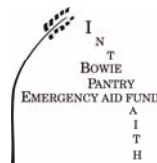
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Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.—11 a.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesdays thru October 12 6:00—7:00 p.m.

The Pantry is located in the blue building behind the Kenhill Center. Follow the posted signs for picking up and dropping off food.