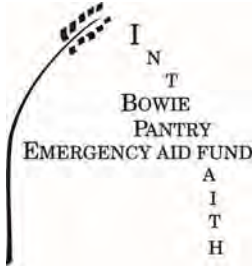


November/
December 2021



Pantry Patter

Pantry Statistics

	October 2021	September 2021	October 2020	September 2020
<i>Households Served</i>	301	296	346	330
<i>Client Visits</i>	424	409	468	444
<i>New Client Households</i>	15	5	28	39
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	202	185	305	297
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	834	808	936	886
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$41,355	\$40,270	\$39,260	\$46,995
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	48%	47%	48%	42%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	23%	24%	24%	24%

Upcoming Events:

- November 23-28 Pantry CLOSED
- December 24 Pantry CLOSED
- December 31 Pantry CLOSED

Weather Closings

We will post any weather-related closings for the Pantry on our website and Facebook page.

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.

Our Greatest Needs

- * Dry Goods—instant potatoes, stuffing, mac & cheese
- * Healthy Snacks
- * Soups
- * Canned Fruit
- * Granola Bars
- * Fresh Fruit and Veggies

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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:

- Acorn Renovations
- All Saints Lutheran Church
- American Heritage Girls
- Ascension Catholic Church and St. Vincent DePaul
- Belair Bath & Tennis
- Belair Church of Christ
- Blue Sky Stables
- Bowie City Church
- Bowie DAV Auxiliary
- Bowie Heritage Girls
- Bowie Ice Arena
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Outreach Committee
- Bowie-Mitchellville (MD) Diamond Foundation; BMAC, Kappa Alpha Psi
- Building Hope Ministries
- Chesapeake Chorale
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- Citadel Cathedral of Prayer, International
- City of Bowie
- The Cleaning Authority
- Collington Life Care Community
- Cresthill Church
- Delta Sigma Theta
- Ebenezer United Methodist Church
- Faith Fellowship Church
- Fragrance of Grace, International
- Freedom Row Prayer Ministries
- Girl Scout Troop 22026
- Girl Scout Troop 22008
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Mt. Nebo AME Church
- Heaven Sent Cupcakery
- Jack and Jill of America - GSM
- Jack and Jill of America - Prince George's County Chapter
- Kenilworth Women's Club
- Ladies of Bowie
- LOVE AME Church
- Mitchellville Drifters
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- New Bethany Baptist Church
- Northridge Community
- Perfecting Worship Center
- Reid Temple Christian Academy, PTSA
- 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
- Sweetheart Wedding Vows
- Temple Solel and The Charlie Hochman Fund
- Top Ladies of Distinction - Prince George's County Chapter
- TOPS #MD0055, Bowie
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light
- Village Baptist Church
- Walmart
- Wegmans
- 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.

2021 Thanksgiving and Christmas Special Programs



Thanksgiving
Food Baskets

The Pantry has been blessed to have the support of so many for our annual Thanksgiving Food Basket program, Christmas Food Basket program, Adopt-a-Child program, and our toy and gift room. Due to the pandemic, our programs will be different this year.

We will not be accepting/distributing food baskets or gifts/toys this year.

Instead, we plan to give our families gift cards to purchase their Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. In addition, we will give our moms and dads one gift card per child to purchase holiday gifts. If you would like to contribute to this effort, we are accepting monetary donations and gift cards.



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, mac and cheese
- Pudding cups—sugar free
- Cheerios, regular oatmeal
- Jar of peanuts—lightly salted/no salt

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.

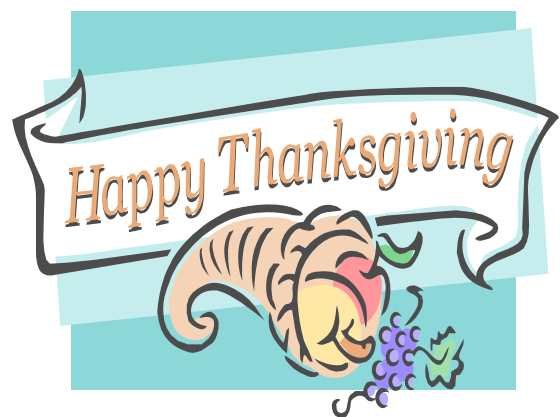
- ASAP Dry Cleaners
- Long & Foster Realtors
- PNC Bank (MarketPlace)
- Starbucks (FreeState Mall)
- Weichert Realtors

Donation Sites Open

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

Online Donations

Both Paypal for Nonprofits and Network for Good will process donations to the Pantry. Please visit our website for a link to Paypal: www.bowiefoodpantry.org.



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.



Rain didn't stop Jack and Jill of America (GSM) from bringing 173 boxes of cereal for their adopted shelf.



Bowie City Church shopped for our families and brought us much needed soup, paper towels/tissues, condiments, meats, and cereal.



Heaven Sent Cupcakery shopped for the pantry bringing a variety of much needed items.



The Mitchellville Drifters brought a large donation for their adopted shelf - paper goods.



Kappa Alpha Psi brought donations to the Pantry as well as a donation from the Diamond Foundation

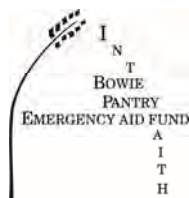
Pantry Website

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.

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Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 –11:00 a.m.

The Pantry is located in the blue building behind the Kenhill Center. Admittance to the Pantry is not permitted. Donors should park by the ballfield and a volunteer will take donations from your car.