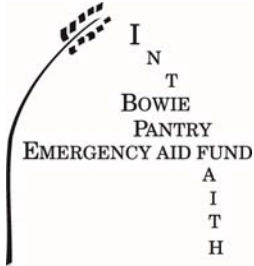


January–  
February 2022



# Pantry Patter

## Pantry Statistics

	December 2021	November 2021	December 2020	November 2020
<i>Households Served</i>	327	320	343	354
<i>Client Visits</i>	459	452	501	498
<i>New Client Households</i>	21	10	18	33
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	226	221	268	296
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	906	898	996	990
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$49,645	\$44,300	\$45,050	\$40,435
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	46%	50%	48%	50%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	22%	21%	24%	22%

### Upcoming Events:

Feb 21 Presidents' Day  
Pantry is *CLOSED*

### Donation Drop-Off

M, W, F 8 - 11 a.m.

Drive to the back of the Kenhill Center and park in front of the ballfields. A volunteer will come to your vehicle to collect the donation.

## Weather Related Closings

In the event of inclement weather, please visit our website or Facebook page for information about closings.

## Greatest Needs

- 100% juice boxes or bottles for children
- Healthy individual-size snacks (pretzels, nuts, raisins, etc.)
- Reduced-sodium soups
- Tea bags and hot chocolate packets
- Paper products - tissues, paper towels

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## Holidays 2021

### *Gift Cards*

Many thanks to all those who contributed to our 2021 Holiday Programs. Your generous donations allowed us to help our clients as follows:

- 265 households received gift cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas food
- Families were provided with gift cards to purchase gifts for 182 children

### *Trees*

The Bowie Lions Club continued their tradition of donating two trees including decorations to the pantry. The families who received them were very grateful and looked forward to having a beautifully decorated tree for Christmas.

## Yearly Statistics

	2018	2019	2020	2021
# Families Served	646	611	1,015	641
# Client Visits	3,887	3,833	5,423	5,480
# Bags of Food	7,706	7,602	10,828	10,830

## Pantry Operations Update

Our pantry continues to serve all those who come to us for food assistance. We never turned anyone away or closed early due to lack of food.

We are very fortunate to live in a community which truly looks out for each other and believes that no one should go hungry. The support we receive from individuals, churches, temple, businesses, civic organizations, schools and groups is incredibly generous, and we have been able to keep up with the needs of those we serve. We also thank the City of Bowie for its continued support of our efforts and its financial support of our Emergency Aid Fund.

We continue to operate with a much smaller group of volunteers than before the pandemic. We reconfigured our inside space into specific work areas to allow for social distancing. The pantry continues to offer drive-up service only; we have found this to be very efficient and allows us to keep up with the increased demand.

Our volunteers are truly amazing and are responsible for packing, sorting, shelving, filling up shopping carts, loading groceries into cars, collecting donations from donor vehicles, shopping for our greatest needs, picking up from Wegmans and Walmart, collecting donations from drop off locations, working in our garden, and so much more.

We have received many inquiries about volunteering at the pantry. As much as we appreciate everyone's interest in supporting the pantry, we do not have any volunteer openings at the pantry. We also do not have the space to accommodate groups of volunteers. We can always use more shoppers so if that is of interest, please e-mail the pantry for additional details ([bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto:bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com)).

### *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.

## November/December/January Food Donations

A heartfelt thanks to all those who donated to the Pantry in November, December, and January:

- All Saints Lutheran Church
- American Heritage Girls
- American Legion Disney Bell Unit 66
- Apostolic Breakthrough International Ministries
- Ascension Catholic Church & St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Belair Church of Christ
- Bikran Yoga Works
- Blue Skys Stable
- B. N. V. Remodeling
- Bowie City Church
- Bowie Crofton Garden Club
- Bowie Fit Body Boot Camp
- Bowie Ice Arena
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
- Bowie Silver Senior Softball
- Bowie Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad - Santa Rides
- Bowie Youth and Family Services
- The Breakthrough Church
- Buffalo Soldiers - Maryland
- Building Hope Ministries
- Chesapeake Chorale
- Chapel Forge Early Education Center
- Chosen Generation Church
- Church of the Redeemer/Hope to You
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- City of Bowie
- City of Bowie Outreach Committee
- The Cleaning Authority
- Collington Life Care Community
- Colonial English Handbell Ringers
- Cresthill Church
- DeCaro, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher & Deblasis, LLP
- DeMaio Family Chiropractic & Physical Therapy
- Ebenezer United Methodist Church
- Enlightened Church of Bowie
- EXIT Landmark Realty
- Faith Fellowship Church
- First Lutheran Church of Bowie
- Fragrance of Grace, International
- Freedom Row Prayer Ministries
- FTI Consulting
- Giant Giving Tag Program
- Girl Scout Troop 1019
- The Goddard School of Bowie
- Gold's Gym
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Hardesty & Hanover, LLC
- Heaven Sent Cupcakery
- High Bridge Citizens Association
- High Bridge Elementary School
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School
- HomeCentris Personal Care
- InstallNET
- It's All About the Hair
- Jack & Jill of America/GSM
- Jack & Jill of America/Prince George's County Chapter
- Kettering Community Association
- Kia of Bowie
- Kratos Integral Systems Int'l
- Ladies of Bowie

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*DeCaro, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher & Deblasis, LLP stopped by with their annual contribution to our holiday programs.*



*The Buffalo Soldiers of MD continue their support of our Thanksgiving program.*

## November/December/January Food Drives, continued

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- Little Ladies for the Future
- LOVE A. M. E. Church
- Microsoft Matching Funds
- Mitchellville Drifters
- Money One FCU
- Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- NASA Federal Credit Union
- New Foundation Apostolic Ministries
- Northridge Community
- Northwestern Mutual
- NVIDIA
- Oak Creek Ladies Golf League
- PEO Sisterhood Chapter W
- Perfecting Worship Center
- Rockledge Elementary School
- RRR Automotive Group
- RTW Growth Strategies, LLC
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church & Grade 5 Religious Education
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- St. George’s Episcopal Church
- St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church
- St. Matthew’s United Methodist Women
- St. Pius X Catholic Church
- Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr, LLP
- Sons of American Legion Post 66
- Sweetheart Wedding Vows
- Temple Solel & The Charlie Hochman Fund
- Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. - Prince George’s County Chapter
- Toyota of Bowie
- TreeTop Tree Service
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- TurningPoint Energy
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light
- Village Baptist Church
- Walmart
- Wegmans
- Wild Meadows HOA
- Williams Financial Services
- The Willows Fun Bunch
- The Wright Investment
- Yorktown Elementary School
- Zeta Amicae of Prince George’s County



*Toyota of Bowie brought their annual donation to the pantry including lots of food.*



*TreeTop Tree Service collected LOTS of food on behalf of our families.*

### *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.





*The Bowie VFD once again collected lots of food for the pantry during its annual Santa Rides. This year 74 full shopping carts were brought to the pantry—great job, everyone!*



*The Willows Fun Bunch collected food, scarves, hats, and gloves for our families. Thank you so much for this annual donation.*



*Heaven Sent Cupcakery brings more donations to the pantry!*

## Scouting for Food Drive

The Scouts held their annual food drive in early November. We appreciate their efforts to collect food for our families and are grateful for their willingness to work with us during these difficult times. This year we asked them to sort through the donations off-site and bring them to us during our regular drop off times of M, W, F mornings.

Many thanks to Troops 403, 1283, 1688, 1040, and Pack 405 (our apologies if we missed anyone) and to all those who left donations for the scouts to pick up.

