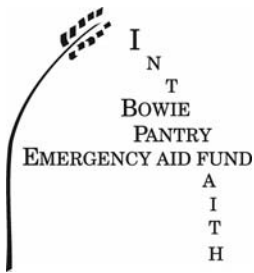


March/April 2022



Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- March 22 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- April 12 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- April 15 Good Friday
Pantry is OPEN
- April 18 Easter Monday
Pantry is OPEN
- April 26 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.

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

February 2022	January 2022	February 2021	January 2021
296	292	319	350
409	406	439	480
16	10	21	29
191	199	272	271
810	802	866	948
\$44,340	\$44,250	\$48,410	\$51,405
50%	48%	45%	45%
21%	21%	22%	22%

Greatest Needs

- Spaghetti Sauce (24 ounces)
- Peanut Butter (16 ounces)
- Soup (*except Chicken Noodle*—we have LOTS!)
- Canned Meats - beef stew, corned beef hash, chili
- Healthy/Low Sugar Cereal

When donating to the pantry, please keep in mind that nearly one-half of the households we serve are senior citizens. In January 2022, 159 of the 292 households who picked up food were headed by a Senior. In February 2022, 164 of the 296 homes were headed by a Senior. Most of these are single households. While we do have a few large families, it is best to donate regular-sized items.

Evening Hours are Back!

The pantry will be open on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings from 6:00–7:00 p.m. for donation drop-off and food pick-up beginning the 4th Tuesday in March.

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What We Pack

Each household receives the following items:

- 4 cans of Soup (a variety)
- 2 cans/bags of Beans (a variety)
- 4 cans of Vegetables (a variety)
- 1 canned Pasta (spaghettios, ravioli, beefaroni)
- 1 Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce
- 1 Tomato product (sauce, diced, paste, stewed)
- 2 cans Fruit or Applesauce (a variety)
- 1 Peanut Butter or Jelly
- 1 Condiment (ketchup, mustard, olives, salad dressing, gravy, relish, pickles, etc.)
- 2 cans Tuna Fish
- 1 can Clams or other fish (salmon, sardines, etc.)
- 3 cans Meat (beef stew, chili, chicken breast meat, corned beef hash, spam)
- 1 box Macaroni and Cheese
- 1 box Spaghetti/Pasta
- 2 other Dry Goods (rice, potatoes, stuffing, pasta/rice sides, helper)
- 1 Dessert (pudding, cookies, brownie mix)
- 1 box Cereal or Oatmeal
- Healthy Snacks (pretzels, oatmeal packets, nuts, granola bars, etc.)
- 2 rolls of Toilet Paper
- 1 Personal Care Item

Children 10 and under receive 100% juice. We also distribute fresh fruit and vegetables.

The Pantry also accepts donations of personal care products (regular and travel size), paper products, cleaning supplies, diapers, wipes, and baby food.

Donations of the above items are greatly appreciated. We encourage donors to purchase low sodium and whole grain items when possible.

Daytime Hours

We continue to be open M, W, F mornings 9:00–11:00 a.m. for food pick-up and 8:00–11:00 a.m. for donation drop-off. If you have a large donation, please call ahead so we are ready for you!

Donations

Please do not leave items at the Pantry entrance/exit. These items will be thrown away.



Drop-Off Sites

We would like to thank the following for serving as donation drop-off sites within the City of Bowie and to the volunteers who bring the food to the pantry:

Bowie Gym
Bowie Senior Center
Kenhill Center

ASAP Dry Cleaners
Starbucks - Free State Mall
Weichert Realty

Expired Food

Each week Pantry volunteers sort and shelve all non-perishable items donated to the Pantry. When sorting items, volunteers first check dates. We do not shelve or bag items with expired or unknown dates. Our insurance company strictly prohibits us from distributing expired items.

It would be helpful if groups/individuals could check dates before bringing items to the Pantry. While it is tempting to clean out your pantry and donate the food, it makes our job much harder. Anything you can do to make our job easier (and less back-breaking!) would be appreciated.

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 February and early March:

- All Saints Lutheran Church
- American Heritage Girls
- Belair Church of Christ
- Blue Skys Stable
- The Bowen Apartments
- Bowie Ice Arena
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Volunteer Fire Department
- Center for Computing Sciences
- Chesapeake Math & IT Academy
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church - Children & Youth Ministries
- Citadel Cathedral of Prayer International
- City of Bowie
- Collington Life Care Community
- Cornerstone Church
- Cresthill Church
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter & Zeta Delta Chapter
- DeMaio Family Chiropractic & Physical Therapy
- Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary
- Ebenezer United Methodist Church
- Faith Fellowship Church
- First Baptist Church of Glenarden
- Fragrance of Grace, International
- Freedom Row Prayer Ministries
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Mount Nebo AME Church
- Heather Hills Elementary School
- Heaven Sent Cupcakery
- Jack and Jill of America, Inc. - Prince George's County Chapter
- Joy of Worship
- Ladies of Bowie
- Love A.M.E.
- MNCPPC
- Mitchellville Drifters
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- Northridge Community
- Perfecting Worship Center
- Quality Business Services
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- Rotary Club of Prince George's County
- ROTC
- Sacred Heart 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
- St. Pius X Regional School
- Temple Solel & Charlie Hochman Fund
- Top Ladies of Distinction - Prince George's County
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Unity Center of Light
- United Parish of Bowie
- Victory Christian Ministries International
- Village Baptist Church
- Walmart
- Wegmans
- Phyllis E. Williams Spanish Immersion School
- WSC Associates, LLP
- Zeta Amicae of Prince George's County

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.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service



Members of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter and Zelta Delta Chapter collected and put together toiletry kits for our families.



First Baptist Church of Glenarden held a food drive for the pantry and also donated mugs filled with goodies for our Seniors and homeless bags.



The Rotary Club of Prince George's County presented a donation to the pantry for the holidays.



The Bowie Volunteer Fire Department presented the pantry with a donation - Operation Surprise!

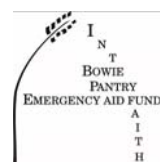


First Lutheran Church of Bowie held a food drive for the pantry in December.

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Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00–11:00 am
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month 6:00–7:00 pm

The Pantry is located in the blue building behind the Kenhill Center.