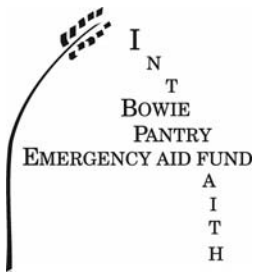


Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund

March/April 2023



Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- March 14 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- March 28 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- April 7 Good Friday
Pantry is OPEN
- April 10 Easter Monday
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- April 11 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- April 25 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 2023	January 2023	February 2022	January 2022
<i>Households Served</i>	327	336	296	292
<i>Client Visits</i>	443	451	409	406
<i>New Client Households</i>	16	18	16	10
<i>Children 18 and Under</i>	229	249	191	199
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	880	894	810	802
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$50,735	\$53,570	\$44,340	\$44,250
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	50%	50%	50%	48%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	20%	20%	21%	21%

Greatest Needs

- Spaghetti Sauce (24 ounces)
- Peanut Butter (16-18 ounces)
- Soup
- Canned Meats - beef stew, corned beef hash, chili
- Canned Vegetables (*NOT* corn, green beans, or peas)

When donating to the pantry, please keep in mind that nearly one-half of the households we serve are senior citizens. In February 2023, 168 of the 327 households who received food were headed by a senior. Many of these are single person households. While we do have a few large families, we are most in need of regular-size items.

Evening Hours are Back!

In addition to our regular daytime hours, 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 2nd Tuesday in March.

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What We Pack

Each household receives the following items:

Soup - 4 cans

Beans - 2 cans/bags

Vegetables - 4 cans

Beefaroni - 1 can

Spaghetti/pasta sauce - 1 jar/can

Tomato product (diced, stewed, etc.) - 1 can

Fruit - 1 can or jar of applesauce

Peanut Butter/jelly - 1 jar

Condiment (ketchup, mustard, olives, salad dressing, gravy, relish, pickles, etc.) - 1

Tuna fish - 2 cans

Salmon/clams - 1 can

Meats (beef stew, chili, chicken breast meat, corned beef hash, spam) - 2 cans

Macaroni and cheese - 1 box

Dry pasta/spaghetti - 1 box

Rice - 1 box/pouch

Dry good (potatoes, stuffing, hamburger helper, pasta salad, etc.) - 1 box/envelope

Dessert (pudding, ready to eat cookies, brownie mix, etc.)-1

Cereal/Oatmeal - 1 box

Healthy snacks (pretzels, oatmeal packets, nuts, granola bars, etc.)

Toilet Paper - 2 rolls

Toiletries

Juice - boxes/bottles for children

Fresh Produce - 1 bag of mixed fruits and vegetables

Bread/Desserts - 1 bag of items donated from local grocery store

We encourage donors to purchase low sodium and whole grain items when possible. In addition to the items above, the pantry accepts donations of personal care products (regular and travel size), paper products, cleaning supplies, diapers, wipes, and baby food.

Donate Fresh Produce



Each household receives a bag filled with fruits and vegetables. A typical bag may include potatoes, sweet potatoes, onions, garlic, carrots, tomatoes, oranges, apples, and bananas. These items are purchased/donated. We eagerly await the return of our own garden crops including lettuce, kale, broccoli, green beans, peppers, and tomatoes. If you wish to purchase produce or have leftovers from your own garden, we would be happy to accept them.

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

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 pack 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 late January, February and early March:

- All Saints Lutheran Church
- American Heritage Girls
- Ascension Catholic Church
- Autumn Lake at Waugh Chapel
- Belair Church of Christ
- Bowie Lions Club
- Building Hope Ministries
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- City of Bowie
- Collington Life Care Community
- Cresthill Church
- Deep Creek Lavender Farm
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Prince George's County Alumnae Chapter
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. - Zeta Delta Chapter
- Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary
- Divine Peace Lutheran School
- Ebenezer United Methodist Church
- Fairway Mortgage Corporation - The Ferguson Team
- Faith Fellowship Church
- First Lutheran Church of Bowie
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Mount Nebo A. M. E. Church
- Heather Hills Elementary School
- Jack and Jill of America, Inc. - Prince George's County Chapter
- Legends Public Charter School
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- Navy Federal Credit Union
- Northridge Community
- Perfecting Worship Center
- Rotary Club of Prince George's County
- Sacred Heart Church
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- St. George's Episcopal Church
- St. Matthew's EEC Kindergarten Class
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- St. Pius X Catholic Church
- Springdale Community Church
- Sweetheart Wedding Vows
- Temple Solel & 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

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.

Yearly Statistics

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Families Served	646	611	1,015	641	682
Client Visits	3,887	3,833	5,423	5,480	5,547
Bags of Food	7,706	7,602	10,828	10,830	10,950



The St. Matthew's EEC Kindergarten Class held a food drive themed "Food from the Heart." Students visited the pantry and brought much-needed food for our families. Great job, everyone!

Donations of personal care items are always welcome!



Package Delivery

Some people have inquired about ordering and sending items to the pantry. Unfortunately, we are unable to receive packages from Amazon, FedEx, UPS, DHL, etc. at Kenhill Center. When we order something through Amazon, Staples, etc., we have it shipped to our home.

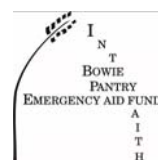
Table Skirts Available

The pantry has several blue table skirts (for rectangular tables) which we would like to donate. Please contact the pantry if interested.

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Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00–11:00 a.m.
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month 6:00–7:00 p.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 retrieve the donations from your car.