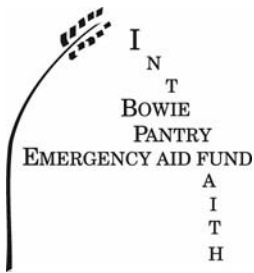


May/June 2023

The Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund, Inc.



Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- May 13 NALC Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive
- May 23 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- May 29 Memorial Day Pantry CLOSED
- June 13 Evening Hours 6-7 pm
- June 19 Juneteenth Holiday Pantry CLOSED
- June 27 Evening Hours 6-7 pm

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

	April 2023	March 2023	April 2022	March 2022
<i>Households Served</i>	355	351	341	305
<i>Client Visits</i>	475	516	463	431
<i>New Client Households</i>	27	20	24	14
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	254	267	256	209
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	946	1,028	916	852
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$54,335	\$60,850	\$49,550	\$49,010
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	49%	49%	45%	47%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	21%	23%	21%	24%

Donations:

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

We are open M, W, F mornings 8:00–11:00 a.m. and 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 6-7 p.m. for donation drop-off. If you have a large donation, please call ahead so we are ready for you!

Greatest Needs

- Soup
- Canned Vegetables (NOT green beans/corn)
- Peanut Butter (16 oz)
- Spaghetti Sauce (24 oz)
- Low-Sugar Cereal

Please note: Regular-size items are preferred. We have a few large families but most households consist of 1-3 individuals.

Like us on Facebook!



Donate Fresh Produce

We are committed to providing fresh produce to our families during the summer months. 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 from 7:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

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.

Volunteer Luncheon

Past and present volunteers gathered together at Grace Lutheran Church for our annual volunteer luncheon. The last luncheon was held in 2019 due to the pandemic. It was lovely seeing everyone again and catching up. Pantry operations have changed a lot in the last four years, and it was wonderful to have a chance to thank everyone for their hard work and dedication to the pantry's mission.

We would like to thank Bowie City Church for sponsoring this year's luncheon. They have been loyal donors to the pantry for many years.

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.



Our 2023 Volunteer Luncheon was a great opportunity to catch up.

Non-Profit Status

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

Food Drives *A special thank you to the following who donated food, money, or other items to the Pantry in March, April and early May:*

- All Saints Lutheran Church
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, INC/Iota Gamma Omega Chapter
- American Heritage Girls
- American Legion Auxiliary
- Ascension Catholic Church
- Belair Church of Christ
- Berwyn Rod and Gun Club
- Bowie Interfaith Recreation Council
- Bowie Lions Club
- Building Hope Ministries, Inc.
- Chesapeake Chorale
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- City of Bowie - Emergency Management Office
- Collington Residents Association
- Cresthill Church
- Ebenezer United Methodist Church
- Faith Fellowship Church
- Giant Bloomin 4 Good
- Girl Scout Troop 2348
- Girl Scout Troop 2364
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Mount Nebo AME Church
- Holy Family Catholic Church
- Jack and Jill of America - GSM Group
- Joint Base Andrews
- Ladies of Bowie
- Liberty University
- Men of Temple Solel
- Mitchellville Drifters, Inc.
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- Northridge Community
- Orkin Pest Control - Lanham
- Perfecting Worship Center
- Phoenix Chapter 86
- Prince Georges County Board of Education
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- 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
- Springdale Community Church
- Temple Solel & The 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
- Whitehall Pool and Tennis Club
- The Willows (Fun Bunch)

Our Mission

The Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund, Inc. provides food assistance to qualifying residents of Prince George's County and financial assistance to qualifying residents of the City of Bowie. We are income based. The Fund provides assistance with rent, mortgage payments, and utilities.



Spring crops have been planted and will be ready to harvest in a few weeks!

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 homes.



Phoenix Chapter 86 stopped by with their monthly donation for their adopted shelf.

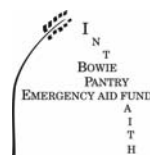


Members of the Iota Gamma Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. donated much needed items to the pantry.

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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. Donors should park by the ballfields—a volunteer will come and take the donation out of your car.