

May/June/July  
2025



The Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund, Inc.



## Pantry Statistics

### Upcoming Events:

**May 26** Memorial Day  
Pantry CLOSED

**May 27** Evening Hours 6-7 pm

**June 10** Evening Hours 6-7 pm

**June 24** Evening Hours 6-7 pm

**July 4** Fourth of July Holiday  
Pantry CLOSED

*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  
2025**

**March  
2025**

**April  
2024**

**March  
2024**

**505**

516

**514**

**492**

**23**

41

**32**

**24**

**278**

303

**282**

**293**

**1,010**

1,032

**1,022**

**980**

**\$61,485**

\$61,225

**\$59,430**

**\$58,747**

**46%**

46%

**45%**

**43%**

**27%**

29%

**28%**

**29%**

### Donations:

Please check the dates on your donations—we can NOT accept expired food.

Please do NOT leave items at the Pantry door. These items will be thrown away.

We are open for donation drop-off on M, W, F mornings 8-11 a.m. and 2nd and 4th Tuesdays 6-7 p.m.

If you have a large donation, please call ahead so we are ready for you!

## Greatest Needs

Toilet Paper

Macaroni & Cheese

Canned Tomato (diced, stewed, paste)

Spaghetti Sauce (24 oz)

Soup

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

## 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.

Like us on Facebook!



## Volunteer Appreciation

### *To our amazing Bowie Food Pantry volunteers:*

We are so incredibly grateful for our volunteers—the time, energy and compassion are the heart of everything we do. Thank you for being the hands and heart behind our mission. Your dedication—whether sorting donations, packing groceries, shopping, harvesting the garden, assisting clients or simply offering a warm smile—brings hope and nourishment to every person we serve. Because of you, shelves get stocked and neighbors in need are met with dignity and compassion.

Thank you for showing up with kindness, for lifting others up, and for being the reason someone feels supported and seen. Your impact reaches farther than you may ever know, and we truly couldn't do this work without each of you. Your time and effort are more than service, they're a lifeline.

The Pantry has 75 active volunteers. Some have been a volunteer for over 15 years. With heartfelt gratitude, we deeply appreciate everything you do!

Thank you to Grace Lutheran Church and Joan for hosting our luncheon this year. The volunteers enjoyed a delicious lunch catered by Chesapeake Catering & Co.

**A special thank you to The Dessert Junkie** for donating the most beautiful desserts. The indulgence of sweetness and deliciousness was greatly appreciated!



*Our 2025 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 February, March, April and early May:*

- African Christian Connections
- All Saints Lutheran Church
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. Iota Gamma Omega Chapter
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority/Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter
- American Heritage Girls
- Ascension Catholic Church
- Belair Church of Christ
- Bowie City Gym/Senior Center
- Bowie Community Theatre
- Bowie Ice Arena
- Bowie Interfaith Recreation Council
- Bowie Lions Club
- Boy Scout Troop 1214
- Building Hope Ministries, Inc.
- Chesapeake Chorale
- Chick-fil-a, Marketplace
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- City of Bowie
- City of Bowie - Exercise Classes at Museum
- Collington Residents Association
- Colonial English Handbells
- Duval High School
- Ebenezer United Methodist Church
- Fairwood HOA
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Christian School
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Hindu American Community Service
- Holy Trinity School—Primary and Upper School
- Look to Christ Church
- Masonic Charities of Maryland, Inc.
- Mitchellville Drifters
- New Vision Church
- Northridge Community
- Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Bowie State University
- PeopleWise HR
- Perfecting Worship Center
- PGC Community Credit Union
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- Restoration Praise Center
- 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
- Sweetheart Wedding Vows
- Temple Solel & The Charlie Hochman Fund
- The Washington New Church
- Thos. Soverville Co.
- 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

## Drop-Off Sites

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

Bowie Gym  
Bowie Senior Center  
Kenhill Center  
Weichert Realty

## Our Mission

The Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund, Inc. 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.



## Get Involved: Ways to Volunteer, Donate, and Participate

Looking for a way to give back to your community? Here are some meaningful ways you can get involved in helping the food pantry:

### Become a Regular Volunteer

We have an open position for collecting donations from donors' vehicles and stocking shelves on Fridays from 8-10 a.m. This is a position that requires you to be on your feet and be able to lift 25 pounds. We ask for a 1-year commitment. If interested, please call or email to set up a shadow day.

### Host a Food Drive



Organize a drive at your school, workplace or place of worship to collect nonperishable items, personal care items, and/or fresh produce.

### Seasonal Opportunities

Volunteer during busy holiday seasons. Add your name/group to our waitlist.

### Build-A-Bag Program



This is a great way for groups to support the mission of the pantry. Build bags on your own and then donate them to us for our distribution program. We can provide a current list of the items we pack and set up a time for delivery along with a tour of the pantry for your group.

### Adopt-A-Shelf Program

Groups and individual are encouraged to join our Adopt-A-Shelf Program. You would be responsible for helping to stock the shelf of your choosing throughout the year. This can be done by periodic donations of the adopted food item or by providing financing for the purchase of that item.

#### *A special "Thank you" to those who currently participate in the Adopt-a-Shelf Program:*

- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. /Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter – Soup
- Collington Community – Food Items
- James and Helen Bates and Family – Canned/ Dry Goods
- Bowie Ice Arena – Soup
- Bowie Lions Club– Greatest Needs
- Don A – Soup
- Cindy Freland, Author – Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Jack and Jill of America Prince George's County – Canned Goods
- Mitchellville Drifters – Paper products/Food Items
- New Vison Church – Toilet Paper
- Northridge Community – Tomato Products/Food Items
- Perfecting Worship Center – Pasta and Applesauce
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church – Beef Stew
- Top Ladies of Distinction Prince George's County Chapter – Peanut Butter
- Trinity Lutheran Church – Pasta Sauce
- United Parish of Bowie – Food Items/Rice

***For further information on any of these ways to help, contact the Food Pantry at [BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com](mailto:BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com) or 301-262-6765.***



(above) Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Inc.  
—Iota Gamma Omega Chapter

(right) Chick-fil-a

(below) The Washington New Church



The National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive held on Saturday, May 11, was a HUGE SUCCESS! The Pantry picked up donations from both Bowie Post Office locations. Many thanks to all those who donated, and a very special thank you to our letter carriers who picked up the food! We appreciate all of your efforts on behalf of those in need.

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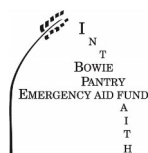
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### Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00–11:00 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.*