

Fall 2025

The Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund, Inc.



Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

Monday, October 13	Federal Holiday OPEN 9-11 a.m.
Saturday, November 8	Scouting for Food
Wednesday, November 26	Closed
Friday, November 28	Closed
Wednesday, December 24	Closed
Friday, December 26	Closed
Wednesday, December 31	OPEN 9-11 a.m.

Households Served

Client Visits

New Client Households

Children Under Age of 18

Totes of Groceries

Value of Food Distributed

*Percent to City of Bowie
Residents*

*Percent to "Bowie Area"
Residents*

August
2025

July
2025

August
2024

July
2024

367

342

349

348

506

465

471

495

30

22

26

19

272

250

298

250

1,012

930

942

990

\$64,780

\$57,710

\$57,130

\$58,970

48%

49%

43%

44%

28%

27%

29%

28%

Greatest Needs

Toilet Paper

Low-sugar Cereal

Soup

Canned Tuna

Applesauce

Please note: Regular size items are preferred.

A Note about Donations

We are not permitted to distribute EXPIRED food items. Please check all dates before donating. Please do not leave items at our door when we are closed—use the donation drop sites listed on page 2.

Facebook

For the latest Pantry news, including our greatest needs and hours of operation, please check our Facebook page. We post weekly updates. You do not have to "friend" us to view our page.

Weather Closings:

In the event of inclement weather, please visit our Facebook page or website (bowiefoodpantry.org) for more information.

We follow PGCPs weather policy.

Like us on Facebook!



Together Against Hunger: Meeting Growing Needs

Food pantries across the country are at a crossroad. In the face of rising demand, fluctuating resources, and systemic changes, food banks are struggling to meet the growing needs. Inflation has impacted nearly every household. Groceries, housing, utilities and transportation all cost more, leaving many families and individuals with little left to cover basic food needs. We are serving not only long-time clients who are on fixed incomes, but also individuals and families who never expected to experience food insecurity.

With this demand increasing, we are trying to build stronger partnerships with local farms, individuals, and organizations/businesses to ensure we are able to meet the needs of the community. We are consistently rethinking ways to improve and keep up with the demand at the level at which we have been able for so many years.



The challenges are real, but so is the commitment to ensuring no neighbor goes hungry. The compassion of our community is strong. Your support allows us to meet these needs.

Together, we will make a difference!

Donation 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
- Weichert Realty



Holiday Food Program

The pantry will distribute grocery store gift cards to our families in October and November so they can purchase food for their Thanksgiving and Christmas dinners. Clients must meet qualification requirements to be eligible to receive a gift card.



If you wish to contribute to this program, monetary donations are preferred. The pantry receives a substantial discount when ordering gift cards in bulk.

We know that some of you would prefer to donate Holiday food baskets and we welcome the donation.

Please note: we need to check all expiration dates, so please do not seal any baskets.

Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for two dedicated volunteers to help us with weekly donation pick-ups from Wegmans in Crofton.

Responsibilities: Pick up bread and desserts from Wegmans' loading dock. You will then load them into your vehicle and deliver them to Food Pantry.

Requirements:

- Must have a valid driver's license,
- Must use your own personal vehicle, and
- Must be comfortable with physical work, including lifting and loading boxes/bags full of donations.

Schedule: Arrive at Wegmans by 7:15 a.m. Donations must be delivered to the Food Pantry by 8:30 a.m. You will assist with unloading the donation. The total volunteer time is 1-1.5 hours. There is not an opportunity to stay and volunteer after drop-off at this time.

If you are interested in this volunteer position, please contact us at 301-262-6765 or email us at bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com.

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/Donations

A special thank you to all those who donated food and/or money to the Pantry in May, June, July, August and early September:

- All Saints Lutheran Church - Garden
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc—Pso Epsilon Omega Chapter
- Ascension Catholic Church
- Belair Church of Christ
- Benjamin Tasker Middle School (JNHS)
- Bowie Center of Performing Arts—Car Meet
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Playhouse
- Building Hope Ministries
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- City of Bowie
- City of Bowie - Exercise class
- City of Bowie - Sunset Concert Series
- Collington Life Care Community
- Covenant Seed Foundation
- Cresthill Church
- Deep Roots Farm
- Enterprise Ladies of Golf League
- Fat Cardinal Farm
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Heaven Sent Cupcakery
- Hindu American Community Services Inc.
- Honey Baked Ham
- Hunting Heritage Society
- Jack and Jill of America Inc. - Suburban Maryland Chapter
- Leal Angels Child Development Center
- Look to Christ Church
- Loughran Foundation
- New Vision Church
- Northview Elementary School—Garden
- Northridge Community
- PeopleWise HR
- Perfecting Worship Center
- Prince George's County Federal Credit Union
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- Sacred Heart Catholic 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 Church
- Springdale Community Church
- Sweetheart Wedding Vows
- Team Takedown Wrestling Club
- Temple Solel and the Charlie Hochman Fund
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light
- University of Maryland - fresh produce
- Village Baptist Church
- Virtuous Women
- Walmart
- Wegmans
- Whitehall Pool
- 4 Him Covenant Church

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.

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.

Items available to adopt: Soup, Canned Chicken/SPAM, Canned Tuna.

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
- Don Anessi – Soup
- James and Helen Bates and Family – Canned/ Dry Goods
- Bowie Ice Arena – Soup
- Bowie Lions Club – Greatest Needs
- Collington Community – Food Items
- 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
- Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union – Granola Bars
- Prince George's County Council Member Ingrid S. Watson, District 4 – Nuts
- Springdale Community Church—Canned Goods
- 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
- Village Baptist Church—Breakfast Bars

For further information on any of these ways to help, contact the Food Pantry at BowieFoodPantry@gmail.com or 301-262-6765.



Deep Roots Farm



The University of Maryland Research Farm provided many bins of fresh vegetables and watermelons over the summer.



Covenant Seed Foundation



A heartfelt "thank you" to our longtime volunteer and donor, Jan S., along with her wonderful group of friends, the Tribe: Gayle, Trish, Ann, Marianne, Linda, MC, Molly, and Arlene for their generous gift of 10 brand new, commercial-grade tables.

The Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund, Inc.

2614 Kenhill Drive, Suite 134
Bowie, MD 20715

Phone: 301-262-6765
E-mail:
bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com
Website: www.bowiefoodpantry.org



Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.—11 a.m.

The Pantry is located in the blue building behind the Kenhill Center. Follow the posted signs for picking up and dropping off food.