

Winter 2026



Pantry Statistics

	October 2025	November 2025	December 2025	October 2024	November 2024	December 2024
<i>Client Visits</i>	640	557	563	495	440	516
<i>New Client</i>	58	58	13	34	29	23
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$79,330	\$92,595	\$79,470	\$59,475	\$56,115	\$66,550
<i>% to City of Bowie</i>	46%	46%	49%	44%	45%	46%
<i># Days/Hours Open</i>	14 days/ 28 hrs	10 days/ 20 hours	12 days/ 24 hours	13 days/ 26 hours	11 days/ 22 hours	11 days/ 22 hours
<i>Volunteer Hours</i>	451.5	638.5	492	410.5	461.5	456.25

Weather Related Closings

In the event of inclement weather, please visit our website or Facebook page for information about closings. If Prince George’s Schools are CLOSED due to weather, the Pantry will be closed. If schools open late, the Pantry will plan to open on time.

Upcoming Events:

- Monday, February 16 President’s Day
Pantry CLOSED
- Friday, April 3 Good Friday,
Pantry OPEN
- Monday, April 6 Easter Monday,
Pantry OPEN

Greatest Needs

- Toilet paper
- Low-sugar cereal
- Canned chicken
- Applesauce
- Soup (regular and low-sodium)

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For the latest pantry news including our greatest needs and hours of operation, please check our Facebook page. We post weekly updates.

From the Director...

Friends of the Food Pantry,

This past year has provided meaningful opportunities to highlight both the challenges of food insecurity and the strength of our community’s response. Over the summer, we hosted an Open House for local and state leaders to help them better understand the needs of the residents they serve. Providing a firsthand look at our pantry operations and the families and individuals who rely on them helped deepen awareness of the ongoing reality of food insecurity in our community.

In October, we were honored to welcome the Governor for a visit. This was an important moment for our organization! Not only did it bring increased visibility to the issue of hunger, but it also inspired a noticeable increase in donations and community engagement. Especially during a uncertain time with the government shutdown and snap benefits being distributed. We saw a major increase during these challenging times.

While these moments of recognition are encouraging, the need for food assistance remains steady and very real. Food insecurity continues to affect everyday families and individuals in our community, many of whom rely on the pantry consistently to just get by. We are especially thankful to our donors who have stepped up during this period of high demand. Your continued generosity ensures we can remain a reliable source of support for our neighbors in need.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to our volunteers, who continue to go above and beyond in service to others. Their compassion, flexibility, and dedication make our work possible. Words can not express how amazing these people are and what they do each day they show up. Together, we are making a difference!

Warm regards,

Michaeline

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Maryland Governor, Wes Moore, greets some of our long-time volunteers during his visit in October.

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.

Donors: September, October, November, December, & January

A heartfelt thanks to all who donated to the Pantry in September through January:

- 4 Him Convent Church
- All Saints Lutheran Church - Garden (Oct)
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc— Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter
- American Girl Heritage
- American Legion Post
- Ascension Catholic Church
- Automated Horizons
- Belair Church of Christ
- Belt Built Contracting LLC
- Bethel United Methodist Church (Upper Marlboro)
- Bob's Discount Furniture
- Bowie Fit Body
- Bowie Ice Rink
- Bowie of Toyota
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Playhouse
- Bowie Youth and Family Services
- Building Hope Ministries
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- City of Bowie - Exercise class/ Bowie Gym/Senior Center
- City of Bowie Fire Department- Santa Run
- Collington Life Care Community
- Cresthill Church
- DAV
- Duval High School
- Ebenezer Church
- Faith Fellowship
- Fat Cardinal Farm
- First Christian Church
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Goddard School
- Heaven Sent Cupcakery Ham
- Holy Trinity Upper and Lower School
- Indivisible Bowie and Beyond
- Inovalon
- Jack and Jill of America Inc. - Suburban Maryland Chapter
- Kratos
- Life Christ Ministry
- Legend Charter School
- Look to Christ
- Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries
- New Vision Church
- Northview Elementary School— Garden
- Northridge Community
- The Peach Street Community (Bowie)
- PeopleWise HR
- Perfecting Worship Center
- Prince George's County Federal Credit Union
- Prince George's County Public Schools (Monitoring and Accountability and Pupil and School Boundaries
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- Reid Temple
- Republican Women's Group- Patuxent
- Restoration Praise Center
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- Signa Gamma Rho Sorority
- Scouting for Food Drive
- Springdale Community 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
- The Bowens
- 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
- Washington New Church
- Walmart
- Wegmans
- Whitehall Elementary School
- Willows Fun Bunch
- Zeta Amicae of Prince George's County
- Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc. Delta Zeta Zeta-Zeta Youth Group

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.

Bowie Food Pantry Garden: 2025 Summary

Planning will begin in early spring for the 2026 garden. If you would like to volunteer, please let us know.

Supporting Organizations

Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry
Michaeline Gandolph, Director

City of Bowie Kenhill Center
Nick Spurgeon, Dept. of Community Services Dir.

City of Bowie Parks and Grounds
Brian Erxleben, Superintendent

City of Bowie Community Gardens
Lexie Woolums, Sustainability Planner

Bowie-Crofton Garden Club
Alicia Kruger, President



Volunteer Gardeners

Frannie Ayres, Woubeshet Belachew, Janan Betts, Jean Bradshaw, Peggy Brow, Pam Fleming, Sue Goldberg, Brian Gollsneider, Carol Holko, Bob Kellaway (operations director), Heather Kerley, Sue Livera, [Patrick McCarthy](#), [Ken McCaughey](#), Patty McCaughey, Annellen Moore, Myra Moses, Veronica Powers, Amanda Pumphy, Angie Styles, John Teasdale (coordinator), Verna Teasdale, Dufour Woolfley.

Activities and Results

- Bowie Crofton Garden Club donated plants and funding as well as performed spring rototilling.
- The City of Bowie provided access to the Kenhill Center grounds and to the water outlet on the side of the building for irrigation during dry weather.
- Parks and Grounds staff kept surrounding turf areas mowed and trimmed the outside of the fence line surrounding the garden plots.
- The City Community Gardens provided access to unused plots that expanded our garden options in a sunny location. This allowed space to grow sweet corn for the first time and a timely replacement site for okra after our original planting declined from wilt diseases.
- A new bed was developed for herbs thanks to Dufour Woolfley who built the frame and Brian Gollsneider who provided the top soil. This supported excellent herb production including a record basil yield.
- A team of volunteer gardeners participated in garden operations from planting to harvest and distribution to Food Pantry clients. **A total of 445 hours of work were performed by 23 volunteers.**
- Harvests were completed every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to stock the pantry with fresh produce by 9:00 a.m. A total of 26 crops were harvested over a 214-day period from May 11 to December 11.
- This was a productive year for the Pantry Garden. **Overall, a total of 9,747 units (numbers, bags, bunches) of vegetables and herbs were made available to Bowie Food Pantry clients. The estimated total value of produce raised for the Food Pantry was \$11,166.**
- Cool season crops included lettuce, kale, collards, Swiss chard, broccoli, and onions. Kale, head lettuce, and broccoli produced record levels this year. Fall season plantings of kale, collards, lettuce, and broccoli successfully extended a productive harvest period into December.
- Summer row crops included tomatoes, peppers, okra, green beans, squash, cucumbers, and corn. Although no crops produced record levels, excellent production of jalapeno and banana peppers, summer squash, okra, green beans, and corn led the way to a successful year.

—John Teasdale, Garden Coordinator

Get Involved through the 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

Please contact the Pantry if you are interested in signing up for this program.

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 and 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
- Johnson Family – Canned chicken
- Mitchellville Drifters – Paper products and Food Items
- New Vison Church – Toilet Paper
- Northridge Community – Tomato Products and Food Items
- Perfecting Worship Center – Pasta and Applesauce
- Prince George’s Communtly Federal Credit Union – Granola Bars
- Prince George’s County Council Member Ingrid S. Watson, Districe 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

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

Scouting for Food 2026

Many thanks to the Scouts and those who donated food. It was a good haul!





*Johnson Family
Adopt-a-Shelf Donation*



Karl from Temple Solel



Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union



Faith Fellowship



New Vision Church



*Bowie Volunteer Fire
Department Santa Runs*



Baysox



A Christmas Donation



*Food Pantry Volunteers
Accept Check from Dash-In*



Steny Hoyer, Glenn Ivy, Ingrid S. Watson, and other local leaders visited the Pantry



The Pantry partnered with the City of Bowie for a food distribution event in November.

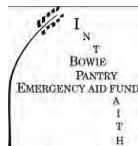
Our volunteers worked through the elements with the help of a donated, heated tent!



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Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 –11:00 a.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.