

Summer 2026



The Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund, Inc.



Pantry Statistics Spring 2026

Upcoming Events:

Friday,
July 3 Federal Holiday
(observed)
CLOSED

	January -May 2026	January-May 2025
<i>Client Visits</i>	2,496	2,367
<i>New Client Households</i>	78	138
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$316,883	\$286,097
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	48%	45%
<i>Total Days/Hours Open</i>	58 days 116 hours	59 days 118 hours
<i>Volunteer Hours</i>	2,539	2,366

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Greatest Needs

Canned Spam	Low-sugar Cereal	Soup
Canned Chicken	Low-sodium Items	

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 one of the following donation drop sites:

Bowie Gym	Bowie Senior Center	Kenhill Center
	Weichert Realty	

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.

Like us on Facebook!



Director's Note: Celebrating our Volunteers

The Bowie Food Pantry is powered by an incredible team of 89 active volunteers who serve in a variety of roles, including in-house, shoppers, gardeners and administrative support. Their dedication makes it possible for us to fulfill our mission of providing food assistance and emergency aid to our community.

Our volunteers represent all walks of life, and some have been serving with us for more than 20 years. While the pantry is only open to the public for approximately 22-26 hours each month, our volunteers contribute nearly 500 hours of service each month. Those hours reflect the countless tasks that take place behind the scenes: stocking shelves, sorting donations, maintain our gardens, assisting clients, managing records and ensuring operations runs smoothly.

I extend our heartfelt gratitude to every volunteer for their commitment, compassion and generosity. Their service strengthens our organization and helps us make a meaningful difference in the lives of our neighbors. Thank you for being the heart of the Bowie Food Pantry.

-Michaeline Gandolph
Executive Director

Volunteer Opportunities

The Bowie Food Pantry is seeking dedicated volunteers for long-term positions.

Volunteers are asked to commit to serving once a week or every other week for a year.

We have multiple shifts available for Monday, Wednesday, or Friday. Volunteers should be comfortable working outdoors in varying weather conditions.



Current Volunteer Opportunities include:

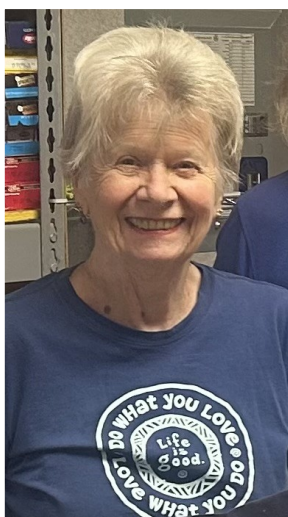
Garden Harvesting:

Help harvest fresh produce from our gardens to support our clients. This is done early, typically around 7 a.m. This is an active volunteer position that involves frequent bending, kneeling and squatting. Expect to get a little dirty while helping to gather fresh vegetables for pantry clients. No gardening experience is necessary—just a willingness to learn and give back to your community.

Outside Donation Team:

Assist donors by unloading donations from their vehicles. This position requires the ability to stand for extended periods and lift up to 20 pounds.

Volunteers are an essential part of our mission. If you are interested in joining our team, please contact the pantry for more information at 301-262-6765 or bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com.



Margie P. is our longest-serving volunteer! She has served over 20 years. I had the privilege of working alongside her when I first began volunteering at the pantry, and her commitment and work ethic left a lasting impression on me. Over the years, she has contributed thousands of hours of service, helping to ensure that our clients receive the food and care they deserve. This is a remarkable example of service, compassion, and community spirit. Thank you, Margie!

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 January through May:

- All Saints Lutheran Church
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc— Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter
- American Girl Heritage
- Ascension Catholic Church
- Belair Church of Christ
- Bowie Ice Rink
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Playhouse
- Building Hope Ministries
- Chesapeake Chorale
- Chi Eta Phi, Sorority, Inc.
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- City of Bowie - Exercise class/Bowie Gym/ Senior Center
- Collington Life Care Community
- Cover Bridge
- Cresthill Church
- DAV
- Duval High School
- Faith Fellowship
- Fat Cardinal Farm
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Heaven Sent Charter School
- Holy Trinity School
- Judah Temple
- KCP Buddhist Relief
- Las Amigas Inc. Forestville Chapter
- Look to Christ
- Mitchellville Drifters
- New Vision Church
- Northview Elementary School
- Northridge Community
- PeopleWise HR
- Perfecting Worship Center
- Prince George’s Community Federal Credit Union
- Redeeming Love Christian Fellowship Tabernacle
- Reid Temple Christian Academy
- Restoration Praise Center
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated of Prince George’s County and the Mighty Rose Foundation
- 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
- Temple Solel and the Charlie Hochman Fund
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light
- Village Baptist Church
- Washington New Church
- Walmart
- Wegmans

Note: We will be working on our website throughout the summer. Watch for updates and new features!

Our Mission

The Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund, Inc. provides food and financial assistance to qualifying residents of Prince George’s County, Maryland.

Join Our Adopt-a-Shelf Program to Help Keep Our Shelves Full!

Our Adopt-a-Shelf Program offers individuals, families, businesses, faith groups, and community groups an opportunity to make a lasting impact by helping keep essential pantry items in stock throughout the year. Participants select a specific shelf that is in need to support and commit to replenishing those items through periodic donations on a weekly, biweekly or monthly basis. The program provides a meaningful and direct connection to your donation by allowing you to see the ongoing impact of your support. It also helps the pantry maintain a reliable inventory of essential items, ensuring that we can consistently meet the needs of our clients. By adopting a shelf, you play an important role in fighting food insecurity and giving back to the community.

Items available to adopt: Soup, Canned Chicken, SPAM, Canned Tuna, Cereal, Instant Potatoes, Toilet Paper



Prince George's Community
Federal Credit Union

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 Church of Christ– Low-sodium Items
- Bowie Ice Arena – Soup
- Bowie Lions Club – Greatest Needs
- Collington Community – Food Items
- Cindy Freland, Author – Peanut Butter and Jelly
- Faith Fellowship Church of Jesus Christ – Condiments, Canned Meats
- Jack and Jill of America–Prince George's County – Canned Goods
- The Johnson Family– Chicken
- Katie Glasgow & Associates, PA – Pasta
- Mitchellville Drifters – Paper products/Food Items
- New Vison Church – Toilet Paper
- Northridge Community – Tomato Products/Food Items
- Perfecting Worship Center – Pasta and Applesauce
- Porcelain Tub Restorations – Beefaroni
- Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union – Granola Bars
- 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

High School Internship Program to Begin Fall 2026

The Bowie Food Pantry is excited to launch a new internship program for high school juniors and seniors who are passionate about serving their community while earning volunteer hours. This will be a semester-long program that will provide students with hands-on experiences in non-profit food pantry services. Interns will work alongside pantry staff and dedicated volunteers while developing leadership, communication, and organizational skills.

Interested students must complete an application process and be committed to serving throughout a

semester. Applicants should have flexibility to volunteer between 11am-1pm on pantry days (Mondays, Wednesdays or Fridays), with the possibility of occasional evening or weekend activities.

We are looking for motivated, dependable students who are dedicated to giving back to their community and are physically able to be on their feet and lift 20 lbs.

More information about the application process will be posted on our website and social media in August 2026. Applications will open on September 1, 2026.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive a Tremendous Success!

On May 9, 2026, the Bowie Post Offices (Rt. 197 and Pointer Ridge) participated in the National Letter Carriers Association (NLCA) Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, the nation's largest one-day food collection event. Community members generously left food donations for their mail carriers to collect along their routes. This is no small task and we are extremely appreciative to the mail carriers for all of their efforts.



Pantry volunteers, along with members of the Bowie State University Men's Basketball Team, gathered at both post office locations to receive and transport the donations to the pantry.

The community's participation was overwhelming. Thanks to the generosity of local residents and the dedication of the letter carriers, volunteers, and student-athletes, thousands of pounds of food were collected to help support our neighbors facing food insecurity. We are deeply grateful to everyone who contributed to making this year's food drive such a tremendous success.

Together, we continue to make a difference!



Pantry Volunteers and members of the Bowie State Men's Basketball Team helped bring food donations from the Bowie Post Offices



Dash-In Grand Opening—May 2026



Panda Express Grand Opening



Fat Cardinal Farm



Judah Temple AME Zion Church



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*Prince
George's
Community
Federal
Credit
Union*



*Some of our Monday
Pantry volunteers*



*Sigma Gamma Rho Sorority Incorporated of Prince George's
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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.*