Fall 2026

The Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund, Inc.



Pantry Patter

Upcoming Events:

Monday, October 12	Federal Holiday We are OPEN
Wednesday, November 11	Veterans' Day We are CLOSED
Wednesday, November 25 ***and*** **Friday, November 27**	Thanksgiving Holiday We are CLOSED
Friday, December 25	Christmas Day We are CLOSED

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Pantry Statistics Summer 2026

	2026		2025	
	June	July	June	July
Client Visits	543	571	487	465
New Client Households	19	34	29	22
Value of Food Distributed	$67,858	$70,982	$57,775	$56,710
Percent to City of Bowie Residents	52%	49%	49%	49%
Volunteer Hours	586	680	484	463

Greatest Needs

Canned Spam	Low-sugar Cereal	Soup	Pasta Sauce
Canned Chicken	Low-sodium Items	Peanut Butter	

Please note: We are not permitted to distribute EXPIRED food. Please check dates before donating. Thank you!

Honoring Our Veterans



Some of our most dedicated volunteers have also served our country. As Veterans Day approaches, we want to recognize these special members of our pantry family and thank them for continuing to give back through their service to our community. We are truly grateful for all they have done and continue to do.

Seeking Board Members

Board members are individuals dedicated to the mission of the Bowie Food Pantry, possess skills necessary to help govern the organization, and have familiarity with the community being served.

The Bowie Food Pantry is governed by a Board of Directors, consisting of no fewer than five (5) and no more than nine (9) Directors. The Board currently has seven (7) members and is seeking to fill two (2) vacancies.

Please visit our website for more information and to apply.

A Note from the Director

As we enter the fall season and look ahead to the holidays, I am reminded of just how important our work at the Bowie Food Pantry is and how much of that work is made possible by people coming together. The need in our community continues to grow, and for many of our clients, the months ahead may bring uncertainty. During times like these, having a place where people can turn for food and support is more important than ever. What makes our pantry special is that no one person or group makes that happen. It truly takes all of us.

Our volunteers give their time and energy, our donors generously provide food and financial support, our community partners help meet the needs we could not meet alone, and our supporters continue to spread the word about the work we do. Together, we create something bigger than a food pantry, we create a community that looks out for one another.

From all of us at the Bowie Food Pantry, we wish you and your families a happy, healthy and peaceful holiday season.

-Michaeline Gandolph
Executive Director

High School Internship Program



The Bowie Food Pantry is excited to launch an internship program for high school seniors who live in Prince George's County and are passionate about serving their community while earning volunteer hours.

Please visit our website for more information. Interested students must complete an application process and be committed to serving throughout the 12-week program.

Meet the Team



Most of our community is familiar with the Bowie Food Pantry and the many wonderful volunteers who make our work possible. But there are also staff members working behind the scenes who help keep everything running smoothly.

Terri - Chief Financial Officer

Terri graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in accounting and spent several years as a CPA and auditor before becoming CFO of a small finance company. After retiring, she volunteered with AARP's Tax-Aide Program, preparing tax returns for seniors and low to moderate income families.

Terri began volunteering with the Bowie Food Pantry in 2014, helping with our bookkeeping and accounting needs. After nearly 10 years of volunteering, she became our CFO in February 2024. While she works mostly behind the scenes, Terri plays a vital role in keeping our finances organized and working closely with our CEO and Board of Directors to strengthen the organization, support thoughtful decision making and help advance our mission. Her expertise, dedication and commitment are invaluable and we are incredibly lucky to have her on our team.

Theo - Pantry Cleaning Team

For the past 6 years, Theo has been an important part of the team, helping keep our pantry clean and looking its best. He comes in each week and takes great pride in making sure our space ready for the next week. We are so grateful for his dedication, flexibility and the important work he does behind the scenes. Theo is extremely involved in his church and community.

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 June through August 2026:

All Saints Lutheran Church

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. — Psi Epsilon Omega Chapter

American Girl Heritage

Ascension Catholic Church

Belair Church of Christ

Bethlehem Church

Bowie Ice Rink

Bowie Lions Club

Bowie Playhouse

Building Hope Ministries

Christian Community Presbyterian Church

City of Bowie – Exercise class/Bowie Gym/ Senior Center

Collington Life Care Community

Cresthill Church

DAV

Faith Fellowship

Fat Cardinal Farm

Grace Lutheran Church

HACSI

Harris Company

Heaven Sent Cupcakery

KCP Buddhist Relief

Largo Community Church

Look to Christ

Northridge Community

PeopleWise HR

Perfecting Worship Center

Restoration Praise Center

Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie

Sacred Heart Catholic Church

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

Walmart

Wegmans

Woodmore Highland HOA

Current Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking to grow our outside team.

Volunteers will assist donors by unloading donations from their vehicles. This position requires the ability to stand for an extended period and lift at least 20 pounds. It will be 2-hour shifts, once a week for throughout the holiday season. If interested, please email us at bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com.



Our Mission

The Bowie Food Pantry strengthens the community of Prince George's County by reducing hunger and providing nutritious food and supportive resources to eligible residents. When resources permit, emergency financial assistance may also be available to help address temporary hardships. Guided by compassion, dignity, and respect, the Bowie Food Pantry helps individuals and families meet immediate needs and builds hope, resilience, and long-term stability.

Get Involved! There are Many Ways to Make a Difference



Donate Food - Drop off M/W/F from 8am-11am or make arrangements for another day and time by calling the pantry. We also have after-hours drop off sites at:
Bowie Gym Bowie Senior Center Kenhill Center (In Main Entrance) Weichert Reality

Adopt-a-Shelf (see details below) – Build an ongoing relationship with the pantry by committing to donating a specific item throughout the month for a year.

Make a Financial Donation - Your financial support helps us purchase food that is not donated.

Host a Food Drive - Bring your school, church, business, neighbors, or family together to collect food.

Spread the Word - Tell someone about the Bowie Food Pantry, share our information or help us reach someone who may need our services.

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

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

Holiday Giving: A Special Surprise for Our Clients

As a year-round food pantry, our regular food distribution continues throughout the holiday season just as it does all year long. But the holidays are also a wonderful opportunity to give our clients something a little extra.

We welcome **individuals, families, businesses, organizations, and community groups** to create and donate holiday baskets that we can share with our clients during the holiday season.

These baskets are not part of our regular food distribution—they are a special surprise. For our clients, receiving an unexpected holiday basket can bring a little extra joy and a reminder that their community is thinking of them.

Whether you put together one basket or organize a larger collection, your generosity can make the holiday season a little brighter for a family in need.

Plan to participate? Please let us know!
If you or your group decide that you would like to provide a food basket(s) for our clients, please let us know how many you plan to make and when you will bring them in. We can arrange to meet you on a weekend or afternoon outside of our normal hours for donations. Call us at 301-262-6765 or email us at bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com.

Note our Holiday Closures: November 25, 27 and December 25
Baskets for Thanksgiving will be distributed in November until **Monday, November 23**. Christmas baskets will be distributed after the Thanksgiving holiday until **Wednesday, December 23**. *(The earlier we receive them, the better!)*

Thank you!

Suggested Holiday Items for Basket *— anything is welcome!*



- Coffee/Tea/Hot Chocolate
- Crackers
- Cookies
- Chocolates and/or Candy
- Nuts
- Pretzels/Popcorn
- Pie Crust Mix and Filling
- Cooking oil
- Sugar



- Flour
- Salt
- Brown Sugar
- Powdered Sugar
- Brownie Mix
- Chocolate Chips
- Baking Soda/Baking Powder
- Cake Mix
- Frosting







The University of Maryland research farm in Upper Marlboro has provided the Pantry with truckloads of peppers, squash, eggplants, cucumbers, watermelons, and pumpkins. Our clients have been thrilled with the bounty!



The local DAV brought two SUV loads of food donations collected from their members.

Like us on Facebook!





Under the leadership of John Teasdale, the Pantry's on-site garden has had a banner year, producing lots of fresh vegetables for our clients!



Members of the Pantry board visited the Capital Area Food Bank warehouse facility as well as their garden.



A volunteer packs fresh greens from the Pantry garden

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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.