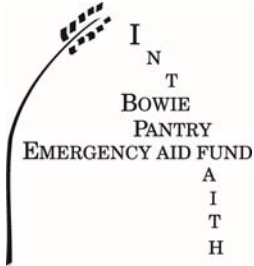


January–  
February 2021



# Pantry Patter

## Pantry Statistics

	December 2020	November 2020	December 2019	November 2019
<i>Households Served</i>	343	354	269	256
<i>Client Visits</i>	501	498	332	305
<i>New Client Households</i>	18	33	14	19
<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>	268	295	241	214
<i>Bags of Groceries</i>	996	990	662	608
<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>	\$45,050	\$40,435	\$23,630	\$21,525
<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>	48%	50%	42%	46%
<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>	24%	22%	19%	18%

### Upcoming Events:

Feb 15 President's Day  
Pantry is *CLOSED*

### Donation Drop-Off

M, W, F 8 - 11 a.m.

Drive to the back of the Kenhill Center and park in front of the ballfields. A volunteer will come to your vehicle to collect the donation.

## Weather Related Closings

In the event of inclement weather, please visit our website or Facebook page for information about closings. You can also call the pantry to see if we are open (301-262-6765).

## Greatest Needs

- Dry goods (*except* mac & cheese, pasta/spaghetti)
- 100% juice boxes or bottles
- Personal care items - regular and travel size
- Paper products - tissues, paper towels, toilet paper

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## Pantry Update

Words cannot express the depth of gratitude we feel for all those who have supported us since COVID-19 took over our lives last March. Donations continue to pour in at unprecedented rates, and we are truly grateful and humbled by the compassion and generosity shown by the community.

The families we serve are equally grateful to each and every one of you. As so many of you have said to us, no one should go hungry, and you are making sure that we can continue to serve all those who come to us for food.

We have received many inquiries about volunteering at the Pantry. Unfortunately we do not have any openings at this time. We continue to work with a small group of volunteers. This allows us to maintain our own “little bubble” and to be socially distanced while working. We anticipate this will be the case for several more months, and the Pantry will continue its operations outside at least through the summer.

## 2020 Pantry Food Distribution

In 2020 the pantry distributed 10,828 bags of food compared to 7,602 in 2019. We registered 595 new families in 2020 compared to 199 in 2019. Client visits increased from 3,833 in 2019 to 5,423 in 2020.

Without the support of our donors, shoppers, and volunteers we would not have been able to provide food to all those who came to us in 2020.

## Holidays 2020

Our holiday programs were different this year, but due to the overwhelming generosity of the community we were able to provide our families with gift cards to purchase holiday food and gifts for their children.

- 229 households received gift cards for Thanksgiving food
- 314 households received gift cards for Christmas food
- Families were provided with gift cards to purchase gifts for 208 children

### *Trees*

The Bowie Lions Club donated two live trees including decorations for our families. Thanks to all who helped make the holiday more festive for these families. They were overjoyed by your generosity.

### *Neighbors Helping Neighbors*

The pantry would like to thank the City of Bowie's Neighbors Helping Neighbors Program for partnering with us to provide holiday food for our seniors who cannot come to the pantry to pick up food. Volunteers from the program contacted our seniors and shopped for them to purchase food for Thanksgiving and Christmas.

### *Our Mission*

We are a community-based social services program providing emergency food and financial assistance\* to those in Bowie and Prince George's County, who are experiencing need - without regard to race, creed or gender. If we are unable to meet the needs, we will make referrals to others who may be able to provide the needed assistance.

*To serve with respect, dignity and without discrimination those in need in our community by providing food, financial assistance and other resource referrals.*

\*Financial assistance is only available to residents of the City of Bowie

## November/December/January Food Donations

A heartfelt thanks to all those who donated to the Pantry in November, December, and January:

- ADT Security Services
- Adrian's Window
- All Saints Angelican Church
- All Saints Lutheran Church
- American Heritage Girls
- American Legion Disney Bell Unit 66 - Ladies Auxiliary
- Apostolic Breakthrough International Ministries
- Ascension Catholic Church & St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Automated Horizons
- Belair Cooperative Nursery School
- Better Birth Graphics
- BJs
- Blue Skys Stable
- Bladensburg Rotary Club
- Bowie Baysox
- Bowie City Church
- Bowie Ice Arena
- Bowie Interfaith Recreation Council
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Victory Christian Ministries International
- Bowie Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad - Santa Rides
- Bowie Youth and Family Services
- Boxlee Azalea Farm
- Brady, Renner & Co., LLC
- Building Hope Ministries
- Charlie Hochman Fund
- Chesapeake Chorale
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church & Christmas Families Program
- Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
- Citadel Cathedral of Prayer, International
- City of Bowie
- City of Bowie Outreach Committee
- City of Bowie Police Department
- Coldwell Banker Realty
- Collington CCRC Outreach Committee
- Collington Residents Association
- Cresthill Church
- Cub Scout Pack 1040
- Disaster Aid USA
- DeCaro, Doran, Siciliano, Gallagher & Deblasis, LLP
- Delta Sigma Theta, Inc./ PG County Alumnae Chapter
- Dr. Andrew Dobin
- Ebenezer United Methodist Church
- Enlightened Church of Bowie
- Faith Fellowship Church
- Fragrance of Grace International
- FTI Consulting
- General Dynamics - Mission Systems, Inc.
- Girl Scout Troop 542
- Girl Scout Troop 1019
- Girl Scout Troop 6089
- Global Ladies
- The Goddard School of Bowie
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Mount Nebo AME Church
- Greater Suburban Maryland (GSM) Group/Jack & Jill of America
- Bob Hall, LLC
- Healthcare Solutions, LLC
- Heather Ridge Apartments
- Heaven Sent Cupcakery
- Herring Sisters
- The Hills Over Mullikan
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School
- Huntington Heritage Society
- Installnet International
- Isabella & Friends
- It's All About the Hair
- Jack & Jill of America/ Prince George's County Chapter
- Kenilworth Women's Club
- Knights of Columbus, Sacred Heart Council #2577
- The Knit Wits
- Kratos Integral Systems Int'l
- KRP Interactive Inc.
- Lambda Chi Alpha of Indiana University of Pennsylvania
- Leal Angels Bilingual Child Development Center
- Longleaf neighborhood
- Lourdes Ex Students Assn.— Baltimore Chapter
- LOVE A. M. E.
- Masks by Hannah
- Microsoft Matching Funds

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*Jill Hochman presents the Pantry with a check on behalf of The Charlie Hochman Fund.*

## November/December/January Food Drives, continued

*Continued from page 3)*

- Mount Rose MD Chapter of Links, Inc.
- Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- MTNA, Inc.
- NASA Federal Credit Union
- NASA GSFC OCFD
- National Hampton Alumni Assn Prince George's County Chapter
- NBC4 Washington
- Northridge Community
- NVIDIA
- O'Malley, Miles, Nylen & Gilmore, P.A.
- Oxon Hill High School
- Dr. Harold Packman
- Pampered Chef
- Brenda Pettus-Bellamy Pediatrics, Inc.
- Perfecting Worship Center
- Prince George's County Employees Childcare
- Quality Business Services
- Rebecca's Vintage Lace & Design Original
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- The Rotary Club of Prince George's County
- Sacred Heart Catholic Church
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- St. John Neumann Assembly 1763
- St. George's Episcopal Church
- St. Matthew's Early Education Center
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- St. Pius X Catholic Church & Families Helping Families and Giving Tree Programs
- St. Theodore Greek Orthodox Church
- Saul Ewing Arnstein & Lehr, LLP
- Smith & Associates
- Sons of American Legion Post 66
- Soroptimist International of Prince George's and Anne Arundel Counties
- Southern Comforters Quilt Guild of Bowie
- Springdale Community Church
- Starbucks - Freestate
- Temple Solel
- T-Rex Solutions, LLC
- Top Ladies of Distinction, Inc. - Prince George's County Chapter
- TOPS #MD0055
- Toyota of Bowie
- Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church
- United Parish of Bowie
- United States Department of Commerce - Office of Oceanic & Atmospheric Research
- Unity Center of Light
- Village Baptist Church
- Walmart
- Washington New Church
- Wegmans
- Weichert Realtors
- Williams Financial Services
- Yorktown Elementary School
- Zeta Amicae of Prince George's County



*Members of the National Hampton Alumni Association—Prince George's County Chapter donated hundreds of snack packs to the Pantry.*



*Members of the City of Bowie Outreach Committee arranged for the Pantry volunteers to enjoy a delicious lunch from Panera.*

## Bowie Food Pantry Garden: 2020 Summary

### Supporting Organizations

Bowie Interfaith Food Pantry  
Debbie Langdon, Director

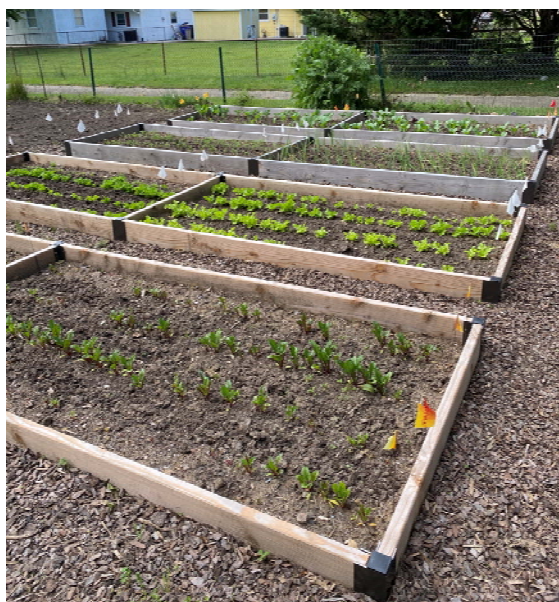
City of Bowie Kenhill Center  
Sally Hein, Director, Dept. of  
Community Services

City of Bowie Parks and Grounds  
Ed Hall, Superintendent

Bowie-Crofton Garden Club  
Brian Gollsneider, President

### Volunteer Gardeners

Jean Bradshaw, Peggy Brow, Madonna Chernesky, Pam Fleming, Sue Goldberg, Brian Gollsneider, Carol Holko, Bob Kellaway, Angie Leihy, Sue Livera, Ken McCaughey, Patty McCaughey, Annellen Moore, Martha Schmidt, John Teasdale (coordinator), Verna Teasdale.



### Activities

- The Bowie Crofton Garden Club members donated funds for supplies and plants as well as rototilling services to incorporate amendments into the soil. Among donations were seeds from Renee's Garden, a seed company in California that specializes in unique varieties, and herb and vegetable plants from the Gwynn Park High School greenhouse.
- Ken and Patty McCaughey built a nicely designed brick patio entrance to the garden gate.
- Parks and Grounds cleared early season weeds from the garden area and kept the surrounding area mowed throughout the year.
- The City of Bowie provided access to the Kenhill Center garden sites and to the water outlet on the outside of the building for irrigation during dry weather.
- A team of volunteer gardeners participated in all phases of garden operations from planting to harvesting and cleaning produce for distribution to Food Pantry clients. A total of 294 hours of work was performed by 16 volunteers.
- Installation was completed on a set of eight 8' by 4' raised beds for growing cool-season spring and fall crops in a compost-top soil mix. This spring these beds were planted with 4 varieties of leaf lettuce, 2 varieties each of kale, Swiss chard, and beets, as well as onions, carrots, and pak choi. In the fall, lettuce, spinach, and green beans were grown.
- Harvests were completed every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to stock the pantry with fresh produce by 9:00 AM on those mornings. A total of 31 crops were harvested over a 178-day period from May 29 to November 23. See the attached table with a detailed listing of the amount and estimated value of crops harvested.
- Overall, an estimated 7,265 units (numbers, bags, bunches) of vegetables and herbs were made available to Bowie Food Pantry clients this year. The estimated total value of produce raised for the Food Pantry was \$6,111.

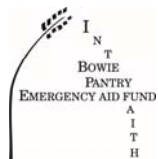
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bowiefoodpantry@gmail.com

Website: [www.bowiefoodpantry.org](http://www.bowiefoodpantry.org)



### Hours:

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

*The Pantry is located in the blue building behind the Kenhill Center. Park in the back parking lot and enter through the blue building.*