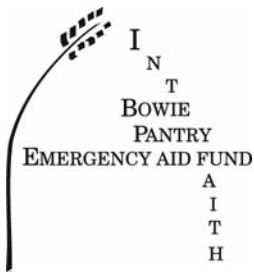


March/April 2021



Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

- March 23 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- April 2 Good Friday
Pantry is OPEN
- April 5 Easter Monday
Pantry is OPEN
- April 13 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.
- April 27 Evening Hours
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Households Served

Client Visits

New Client Households

Children 18 and Under

Bags of Groceries

Value of Food Distributed

Percent to City of Bowie Residents

Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents

February 2021	January 2021	February 2020	January 2020
320	350	239	261
439	480	291	345
21	29	16	16
275	272	182	225
866	948	578	680
\$48,410	\$51,405	\$24,910	\$24,390
44%	45%	42%	46%
22%	22%	18%	20%

Greatest Needs

- Dry Goods (rice/pasta sides, instant mashed potatoes)
- Spaghetti Sauce (24 ounces)
- Peanut Butter (16 ounces)
- Canned meats - beef stew, corned beef hash, chili
- Canned fish - salmon, clams

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Evening Hours are Back!

The pantry will be open on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings from 6:00–7:00 p.m. for donation drop-off and food pick-up beginning the 4th Tuesday in March.

Daytime Hours

We continue to be open M, W, F mornings 9:00–11:00 a.m. for food pick-up and 8:00–11:00 a.m. for donation drop-off. If you have a large donation, please call ahead so we can arrange to meet you in the front of the building.

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What We Pack

Each household receives the following items:

- 4 cans of Soup (a variety)
- 2 cans/bags of Beans (a variety)
- 4 cans of Vegetables (a variety)
- 1 canned Pasta (spaghettios, ravioli, beefaroni)
- 1 Pasta/Spaghetti Sauce
- 1 Tomato product (sauce, diced, paste, stewed)
- 2 cans Fruit or Applesauce (a variety)
- 1 Peanut Butter or Jelly
- 1 Condiment (ketchup, mustard, olives, salad dressing, gravy, relish, pickles, etc.)
- 2 cans Tuna Fish
- 1 can Clams or other fish (salmon, sardines, etc.)
- 3 cans Meat (beef stew, chili, chicken breast meat, corned beef hash, spam)
- 1 box Macaroni and Cheese
- 1 box Spaghetti/Pasta
- 2 other Dry Goods (rice, potatoes, stuffing, pasta/rice sides, helper)
- 1 Dessert (pudding, cookies, brownie mix)
- 1 box Cereal or Oatmeal
- 2 rolls of Toilet Paper
- 4 Granola/Fruit Bars (a variety)

Children 10 and under receive 100% juice. When available, we distribute fresh fruit and vegetables.

The Pantry also accepts donations of personal care products (regular and travel size), paper products, cleaning supplies, diapers, wipes, and baby food. Individual-size food items (complete meals, peanut butter, soups, fruit cups, crackers, tuna pouches) are needed for our homeless clients.

Donations of the above items are greatly appreciated. We encourage donors to purchase low sodium and whole grain items when possible.

Donations

Please do not leave items at the Pantry entrance/exit. These items will be thrown away.



Expired Food

Each week Pantry volunteers sort and shelve all non-perishable items donated to the Pantry. When sorting items, volunteers first check dates. We do not shelve or bag items with expired or unknown dates. Our insurance company strictly prohibits us from distributing expired items.

It would be helpful if groups/individuals could check dates before bringing items to the Pantry. While it is tempting to clean out your pantry and donate the food, it makes our job much harder. Anything you can do to make our job easier (and less back-breaking!) would be appreciated.



Heaven Sent Cupcakery employees bring another large donation to the Pantry.

Non-Profit Status

The Bowie Interfaith Pantry and Emergency Aid Fund is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. 93% of pantry donations go directly to assist clients. 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 February and early March:

- All Saints Lutheran Church
- American Heritage Girls
- Ascension Catholic Church and St. Vincent DePaul
- Bethel Church
- BJs
- Bowie Church of Christ
- Bowie Ice arena
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Victory Christian Ministries International
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- Citadel Cathedral of Prayer International
- City of Bowie
- City of Bowie Police Department
- Collington Life Care Community
- Cresthill Church
- Ebenezer United Methodist Church
- Faith Fellowship Church
- Fragrance of Grace, International
- Giant Community Bag Program
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Morning Star Apostolic Ministries
- Greater Mount Nebo AME Church
- Heaven Sent Cupcakery
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Day School
- Jack and Jill of America, Inc. - GSM Group
- Jack and Jill of America, Inc. - Prince George's County Chapter
- Kiwanis Club of Mitchellville
- Largo High School Key Club
- Love A.M.E.
- Masks by Hannah
- Milk and Honey Cafe
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church
- Mountain of Fire and Miracles Ministries
- National Council of Negro Women
- Northridge Community
- Patuxent Riding HOA
- Perfecting Worship Center
- Quality Business Services
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- Sacred Heart 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 Catholic Church
- Temple Solel & Charlie Hochman Fund
- Temple Solel - Men of Solel
- Thompson Hospitality
- Top Ladies of Distinction - Prince George's County
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- Unity Center of Light
- United Parish of Bowie
- Village Baptist Church
- Walmart
- Wegmans

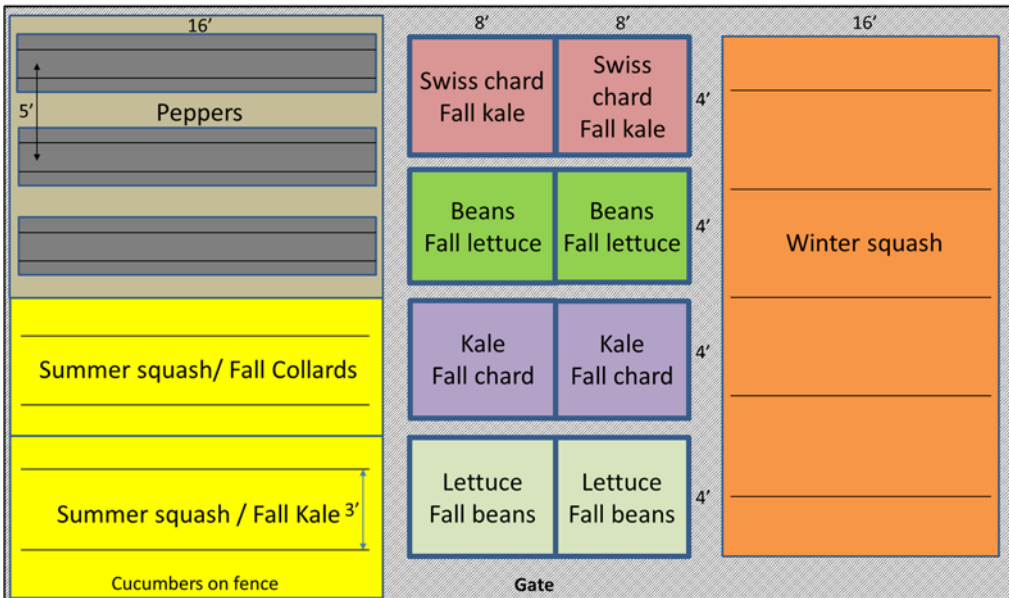
Our Mission

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.

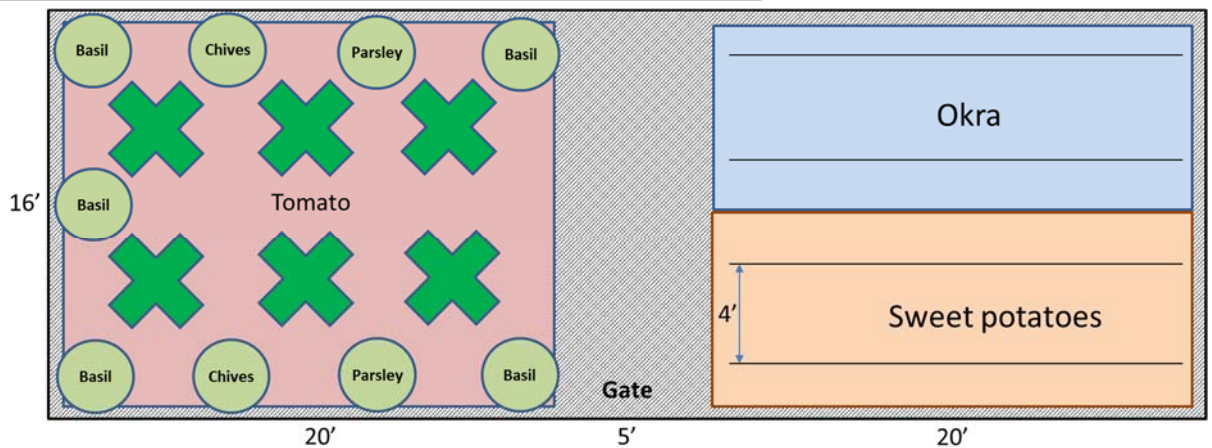
*Financial assistance is only available to residents of the City of Bowie

Pantry Garden Spring Operations



Under the capable leadership of John Teasdale, our Pantry Garden Team has made plans for another productive garden in 2021. The 2020 garden produced over 7,000 units of vegetables for our clients.

The herb garden's basil, chives, and parsley have been a big hit with our clients.



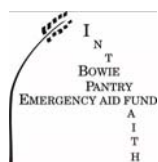
Donate Fresh Produce from Your Garden

We are committed to providing fresh produce to our families during the summer months. We encourage all local gardeners to bring their "extra" produce to the Pantry. Donations can be dropped off at the Pantry M,W, F mornings after 8 a.m. — we will distribute them to our clients 9–11 a.m.

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Hours:
Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00–11:00 am
2nd & 4th Tuesday of each month 6:00–7:00 pm

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