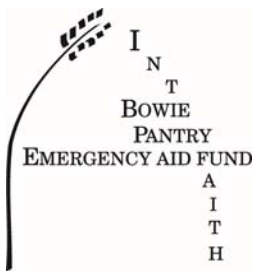


September/
October 2018



Pantry Patter

Pantry Statistics

Upcoming Events:

		<i>Households Served</i>
Sundays	Bowie Farmers Market 8:00 a.m.—12:00 noon	<i>Client Visits</i>
Sept. 25	Evening Hours 6:00-7:00 p.m.	<i>New Client Households</i>
October 6	Bowie International Festival 11-5 Allen Pond	<i>Children Under Age of 18</i>
October 9	Evening Hours 6:00-7:00 p.m.	<i>Totes of Groceries</i>
October 13	Building Hope Ministries Concert 7:00 p.m. Cresthill Baptist	<i>Value of Food Distributed</i>
October 23	Evening Hours 6:00-7:00 p.m.	<i>Percent to City of Bowie Residents</i>
		<i>Percent to "Bowie Area" Residents</i>

August 2018	July 2018	August 2017	July 2017
307	248	293	263
384	301	357	326
29	18	22	14
251	180	275	195
758	592	718	659
\$28,955	\$26,600	\$25,838	\$26,049
49%	46%	42%	44%
16%	17%	18%	19%

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- Food Drives/Donations
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- Christmas Toy Room

Greatest Needs

- Soup
- Peanut Butter
- Cereal
- Canned Fruit
- 100% Juice
- Toilet Paper

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Volunteer Opportunity (temporary)

We are looking for someone to fill in for our regular Monday pick up person from now through December. Volunteer picks up bread/desserts (one or two shopping carts) at B.J.s Warehouse in Bowie on Monday mornings around 8:30am and brings them directly to the pantry. Please e-mail us if interested.

School Backpack Project—Update!

Thanks to your generosity, over 115 children in grades Pre-K -12 arrived at school with fully supplied backpacks. Many thanks to all of you who helped these students get off to a good start this school year!

- Curves of Glenn Dale
- The Fun Bunch at The Willows
- The Goddard School of Bowie
- Greater Mt. Nebo
- St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- Smith & Associates
- T.J. Maxx
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light



Food Drives/Donations

A special thank you to all those who donated food and/or money to the Pantry in July, August and early September:

- ADT Security Services
- All Saints Lutheran Church
- Ascension Catholic Church and St. Vincent DePaul
- Belair Baptist Church
- Blue Skys Stable
- Bowie Community Outreach Committee - Sunset Concerts
- Bowie Community Theatre
- Bowie High School Class of 1978
- Bowie Lions Club
- Bowie Montessori Children's House
- Christian Community Presbyterian Church
- City of Bowie
- City of Bowie Gymnasium
- The Cleaning Authority
- Cresthill Baptist Church
- Curves of Glenn Dale
- DPI Specialty Foods
- Faith Fellowship Church
- The Goddard School of Bowie
- Goodloe Memorial Unitarian Universalist Church
- Grace Baptist Church
- Grace Lutheran Church
- Greater Mount Nebo Church/Women's Missionary Society
- Holy Trinity Episcopal Church
- Mount Oak United Methodist Church -StreetReach
- Northridge Community
- Northwestern High School
- Potomac Peddlers
- Reformed Presbyterian Church of Bowie
- St. Barnabas Episcopal Church
- St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church
- St. Matthew's United Methodist Church
- Temple Solel and Charlie Hochman Fund
- T.J. Maxx
- TOPS MD 55 Bowie
- Trinity Lutheran Church
- United Parish of Bowie
- Unity Center of Light
- Victory Bible Service
- Village Baptist Church
- VINO 301 Wine Concierge
- Walmart
- The Willows

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.

Thanksgiving is Just Around the Corner

Every year, the Pantry provides Thanksgiving food baskets to those who come to the Pantry on a regular basis. Individuals/groups are welcome to donate entire basket(s) or specific items. Please let us know what you plan to donate by **November 9**. Donations can be dropped off M,W,F mornings 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon or by appointment. Our distribution days will be November 17 and 20. Items do not have to be placed in a “basket”; bags/boxes are fine.



Suggested Items for Thanksgiving Basket

- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 2 cans/jars gravy
- 1 bag/2 boxes stuffing
- 2 cans corn
- 2 cans green beans
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 can crispy onion pieces
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes
- 1 box corn muffin mix
- 1 can yams/sweet potatoes
- 1 bag marshmallows
- 1 snack item such as
box of crackers, jar of nuts
- 1 drink item such as 100% juice, coffee,
tea, apple cider, hot chocolate
- Holiday paper products:
napkins, cups, and/or plates
- Perishable Items:
turkey, chicken, butter,
frozen dessert pie

Getting Ready for Christmas!

Toy/Gift Room:

Our toy/gift room will be available once again for our parents to select gifts for their children. Donations of new toys/gifts should be brought to the pantry by **December 14**. We especially need gifts for children in middle school and high school. Gift bags, wrapping paper, bows, tags, and tape will also be accepted.

Food Baskets:

The Pantry will distribute Christmas food baskets to those who use the Pantry regularly. Items for the food baskets are the same as for the Thanksgiving Baskets except for the following:

- Additional Items: Pancake mix and syrup
- Instead of frozen dessert pie, we include tin/bag/box of Christmas cookies (not homemade)
- In addition to chickens and turkeys, we offer smoked/spiral hams and ham steaks

Please let us know by **December 7** if you plan to donate food. All items should be brought to the Pantry by **December 14**.

Adopt a Family:

If you wish to “adopt” a family for Christmas, please e-mail or call the Pantry. We will match you with a family and provide you with a wish list and clothing sizes for the children. You can adopt a family for toys/gifts only or you can provide their food basket as well.



Healthier Options Needed

A growing number of our clients are in need of healthier dry/canned goods. Items we are in need of include the following:

- Canned fruit—no sugar added
- Canned vegetables—no salt/low salt
- Canned soup—low sodium
- Canned beans—low sodium
- Salmon—canned or pouch
- Brown rice—box/bag
- Whole grain pasta
- Whole grain mac and cheese
- Pudding cups—sugar free
- Cheerios
- Regular oatmeal
- Jar of peanuts—lightly salted/no salt

Healthy Snack Bags

Thank you to everyone who donated items for our healthy snack bag program. In July, 115 children received a shopping bag filled with goodies.



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

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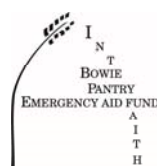
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Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 9:00 a.m.—12:00 noon
2nd & 4th Tuesdays each month 6:00—7:00 p.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.