

# March 2019 Newsletter



## Birthdays:

Anne Keathley	3/1
Beverly Anderson	3/11
Paula Horton	3/14
Mary Lou Larson	3/17
Kathy Kirk	3/21
Chris Arant	3/24

## Important Dates:

**Volunteer Orientation/Food Safety Training: March 12<sup>th</sup>. 9:00-12:00**

**Save the Date: Volunteer Appreciation "50s Rock n Roll" Celebration: April 11<sup>th</sup>.**



First Thursday March 7, 2019 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm

## Our Impact: December 26 – January 25 FY19

**Volunteer Hours: 422 hours**

## Client Service Report Month Ending December 25<sup>th</sup> FY18

Program	# of Clients	Total Pounds	Members in Household
NIBBLES	9	2145	0
Brown Bag	102	1985	151
Commodities Prog	70	2170	97
Emergency Assistance	155	16945	440
Fresh Food	76	2481	162
Open Arms	7	119	8
Disaster Assistance	0	0	0
Pantry Express	2	209	3
Special Assistance Prog	50	700	50
Senior Activity	30	1019	37
Whole Grain	374	2837	544
<b>Total Served</b>	<b>875</b>	<b>30610</b>	<b>1492</b>

## ARTICLE OF THE MONTH



## Mission Statement

The mission of the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry & Support Center, Inc. is to serve Bastrop County residents going through periods of transition by providing Emergency Food Assistance, Education and Support

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## Needs Statement

Each day, children and families throughout Central Texas wonder where their next meal will come from. In the summers, when children can no longer access free lunches at school, the need for healthy foods is exceptional. With limited resources and little hope, families turn to cheap, fast-food options or simply go without. Many low-income residents in our community live in rural pockets, where access to grocery stores, Austin-based nonprofits, and other support services is incredibly limited. No child in Bastrop should wonder where their next meal will come from, and the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry is the largest community food bank exclusively serving Bastrop - ensuring our community's most vulnerable receive the guidance, sustenance, and support they need. NIBBLES Program (Nutrition in Backpacks Before Little's Exit School Program) our newest endeavor. Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry & Support Center received an urgent cry for help from the teachers and staff at Bastrop Independent School district 308 kids that are food insecure and were at high risk of hunger over the weekend break. These kids need meals to go home with them at the end of the day on Friday to ensure they do not go hungry over the weekend. Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry and some wonderful partners step up to tackle the problem. As of today 142 of the 308 kids in need are being fed each week by the BCEFP NIBBLES Program. We are hoping that through our fundraising efforts with Amplify Austin we hope to raise \$5,000.00 to help the other 183 kids.

**Please join us by visiting our page and making a donation:** <https://amplifyatx.ilivehereigivehere.org/BastropCountyEmergencyFoodPantry>



## Volunteer Social Hour



Volunteers, Board Members and Pantry Staff dropped in for a visit on Tuesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>. We simply gathered around and visited with each other while enjoying snacks. Tresha Silva, Executive Director shared annual statistics expressing gratitude to the volunteers for their efforts assisting the Food Pantry in serving our local community.



## Wow! How about that Empty Bowl Fundraiser for 2019!

We still don't have the final count but I can tell you that we had a total of 79 volunteers on Saturday who expended 390 hours for that day. Everyone had a FABULOUS, FAST, AND FUN experience. My "heart" and my gratitude goes out to each and every one of you who "made my day" and made the Bastrop Empty Bowl Fundraise another success.

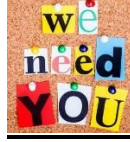


Please don't forget to sign in and out each time you volunteer at the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry & Support Center Inc. Your volunteer hours count in more ways than you know.

- ✓ Volunteer hours help to provide matching dollars for grants.
- ✓ Volunteer hours helps the agency plan accordingly to meet the needs of our clients.

## **PLEASE NOTE**

- **Please make sure you have a volunteer badge and gloves on at all times and closed-toed shoes are required when at the Pantry.**



**HELP NEEDED**

We don't know everyone but if you or someone you know could give an hour or two in the donation center, we would greatly appreciate it!

- If you have any students that need community service hours for school clubs or to fulfill a legal obligation, please come to the pantry now and get an application. Get the process started so you are ready to volunteer during the spring and summer school breaks!
- If you or any group you know that may be interested in volunteering to [www.bastropfoodpantry.org](http://www.bastropfoodpantry.org) or to stop by 806 Fayette Street Bastrop, TX 78602 for a volunteer application.

**TRAINING CLASSES:**

**VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION/FOOD SAFETY:** March 12<sup>th</sup>. from 9:00-12:00

CLIENT REGISTRATION TRAINING: To be announced

**WISH LIST**

Syrup

Dried Beans (All types)

Canned Vegetables

64 oz. Juices

Cold/ Hot Breakfast Cereal

Soups – Broth & Cream based

Hamburger Helper (Tuna and Chicken)

Hygiene Items, i.e. bath soap, toilet paper, deodorant

Laundry Soap Pods

Bingo gifts (unisex)



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