

Food For Thought

"Lend a hand to help feed your fellow man"



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#AmplifyBastropFoodPantry



- 1 in 4 Bastrop County youth go hungry every night. Be a part of the solution and donate today!

(<https://tinyurl.com/BFPAmplify>)
 #AmplifyBastropFoodPantry #Food
 #Foodinsecurity #Bastrop

Early giving for Amplify Austin Day March 5 & 6, 2020 is now open! Make your gift today to join the local generosity movement.

OUR IMPACT

Our Impact: : December 25, 2019 - January 25, 2020

Client Service Report Month Ending January 25 FY20

Volunteer Hours: 274 hrs

	# of Clients	Pounds	Members in Household
NIBBLES	8	1950	0
Brown Bag	102	1191	148
Commodities	74	2368	105
Emergency Asst.	166	15250	458
Fresh Foods for Families	61	1905	121
Open Arms	4	32	5
Disaster Asst.	0	0	0
Pantry Express	4	448	9
Special Asst. Program	2	185	3
Senior Activity	18	542	31
Whole Grains	285	5058	428
TOTAL SERVED	724	28929	1308

PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT: 2020 CENSUS COUNT INITIATIVE

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.

The Food Pantry has partnered with United Way Central Texas to help are families be informed about the importance of the 2020 Census count. We are providing information and fact sheets to all of our program participants. We are also going to be a site where people can respond online to the census. We are sharing information with our program participants about job opportunities through the 2020 Census. The results of the 2020 Census will help determine how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding flow into communities every year for the next decade. That funding shapes many different aspects of every community, no matter the size, no matter the location.

Think of your morning commute: Census results influence highway planning and construction, as well as grants for buses, subways, and other public transit systems.

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ACTIVATE. EDUCATE. VOLUNTEER. DONATE.



Please support the BCEFP through AmazonSmile! Please sign into Amazon Smile at <http://smile.amazon.com>. Sign in and select the Pantry as your nonprofit organization! Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases to BCEFP!

Please don't forget to sign in and out each time you volunteer at the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry & Support Center Inc. We would like for you to **PRINT your first and last names on the Volunteer Log Sheet. 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.
- ✓ Volunteer hours show how vested the community is in the agency mission.

Thanks!



REMEMBER: Volunteer names for the Donation Center do not show up on the monthly calendar. Activate. Educate. Volunteer. Donate.

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.

TRAINING CLASSES

Scanner Training – any volunteer working in the Whole Grains Program will need to participate in a short Scanner Training please contact Tresha Silva at director@bastropfoodpantry.org to set up a date to train.

Volunteer Orientation – TBA

Food Safety Training – TBA

IMMEDIATE HELP NEEDED



Volunteers Needed for the NIBBLES School Program: "Nutrition in Backpacks Before Littles Exit School" –volunteers to take the role of delivering NIBBLES bags once week to 3 different campuses with in the BISD district. Volunteers will need to be able to commit to 3hrs once a week entire school year. Must have a valid driver license able with a good driving record. Bags will be transported in the Food Pantry van. Task description is available for review. Please contact Tresha Silva for more information. Training will take place.

"SHARE A SMILE": "Share a warm smile and a kind word" to the clients during Whole Grains Distribution on Monday, Wednesdays, and/or Fridays of each week of the month.

Wish List

- Bingo gifts (unisex)
- Syrup
- Jelly
- Dried Beans (All types)
- Stuffing
- 64 oz. Juices
- Canned Tuna or Chicken
- Soups – Broth & Cream-based
- Hamburger Helper (Tuna and Chicken)
- Hygiene Items, i.e., bath soap, toilet paper, deodorant
- Laundry Soap



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

Important Dates

02/06/20 PANTRY EXPRESS 4:00 – 7:00 pm



We know everyone, but if you or someone you know could give an hour or two in the donation center, we would greatly appreciate it!

We are looking for volunteers that can assist with administrative tasks like filing, Excel, answering phones, etc. Please apply with Tresha Silva if interested in volunteering.

- 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 may be interested in volunteering, go to www.bastropfoodpantry.org or stop by 806 Fayette Street Bastrop, TX 78602, for a volunteer application.

Find us on Facebook **Bastrop County Food Pantry**

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Or think of your local schools: Census results help determine how money is allocated for the Head Start program and for grants that support teachers and special education.

The list goes on, including programs to support rural areas, to restore wildlife, to prevent child abuse, to prepare for wildfires, and to provide housing assistance for older adults.

Bastrop County residents living in poverty—more than one in seven of the county's residents—and thousands more living on the edge.

"As the county grows, so does that number in need for Food Pantry assistance? Any 'environmental' upset—be it hurricane, flood, fire, a bad flu season, business closing, layoffs or furloughs, inflationary jumps or economic downturn, for instance—can swell the numbers rapidly. The struggle to make ends meet very often poses impossibly difficult choices regarding food, clothing, shelter and medical attention. Any setback—large or small—may be all it takes to doom the struggle."

"The Food Pantry is committed to intervening and meeting these often complex and highly individualized challenges with emergency food and a full range of training opportunities, such as money management and budgeting, smart food choices and safeguarding health. Our services also include individual counseling and referrals."

Silva adds that the revenues from the Empty Bowl event—ticket sales, silent auction proceeds, donations and event sponsorships—form a central piece of the Food Pantry's annual fundraising efforts. In 2019, those efforts empowered the Pantry to provide 333,080 pounds of nutritious food distributed to more than 12,000 households, encompassing more than 20,000 individuals, and to sustain educational and support services.

Further information about the Pantry's work may be found at www.bastropfoodpantry.org.

For more information, please contact Tresha Silva at 512-303-0033.

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