

April 2020

Food For Thought

"Lend a hand to help feed your fellow man"



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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR DESK

Hello to each of you, it is my hope and prayer that all is well with each of you and your loved ones. The times that we are facing as a helping organization are foreign to us all. Here at Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry & Support Center, we are doing our very best to adapt to these changes. Some of you have reached out to me and expressed concern about volunteering, I want each of you to know that I understand and respect your decision to put your health and well-being first. Not only do I understand; it is what I want you to do. While these are tough times for everyone, I am confident that if we work together, we can get through these challenges. Please feel free to email me with your thoughts and suggestions, and I will give them deep consideration. As of March 31, 2020, at 11:59pm, Bastrop County is under a shelter in place. What does this mean for BCEFP? BCEFP falls under the essential service category. On April 1, 2020, at 8am, all staff will have their temperatures and a daily health screen form to complete and provide to me daily before entering the building. No person with a temp will be allowed to enter the building. Also, we will cease all clients entering the building, including WGD & Brown Bag, as of March 31, 2020, at 11:59pm.

We will continue to take precautions to combat the spread of germs. Our staff protocols will continue to focus keenly on food safety and sanitation. They always wear gloves when handling food. The food containers that come in are being disinfected with bleach wipes. The food containers and workstations are also disinfected with bleach wipes BEFORE, DURING, and AFTER shifts. Out of an abundance of caution, we are also instituting some temporary measures to protect the health and wellness of our community while still providing our vital services to the community.

Tresha Silva

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

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.

CLASSES

Volunteer Orientation – TBA

Food Safety Training: TBA

Donation Center Refresher Training: TBA



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Bastrop County Food Pantry

OUR IMPACT

Our Impact : January 25, 2020 - February 25, 2020

Client Service Report Month Ending February 25 FY20

Volunteer Hours: 235 hrs

	# of Clients	Pounds	Members in Household
NIBBLES	12	2825	0
Brown Bag	96	1495	141
Commodities	72	2304	99
Emergency Asst.	143	13766	369
Fresh Foods for Families	84	2772	155
Open Arms	4	48	5
Disaster Asst.	0	0	0
Pantry Express	4	448	9
Special Asst. Program	2	185	3
Senior Activity	11	237	17
Whole Grains	342	4636	532
TOTAL SERVED	770	28716	1330



IMMEDIATE HELP NEEDED

DONATION CENTER: a steady stream of volunteers to team up on a regular basis to work in the sorting, dating, packing boxes and moving them to the Front Pantry for distribution. Approximately 6-8 people are needed on Tuesday and Thursday, mornings and afternoons.

CHAIR EXERCISES: for Senior Activities: First & Second Thursday of each month.

"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



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Important Dates

04/02/20 PANTRY EXPRESS 4:00 – 7:00 pm
04/10/20 Pantry Closed in observance of Good Friday



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.

The mission of the Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry & Support Center is to serve Bastrop County residents going through periods of transition by providing emergency food assistance, education and support.

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THANKS FOR THE DIFFERENCE YOU'VE MADE

Because of you...

Someone will have enough to eat tonight.

Someone will have decent clothes to wear.

Someone will have shelter.

Someone will receive medical care.

Someone will learn the skills they need to survive and succeed.

Someone knows there's at least one person in this world who cares.

This world is a better place because you volunteered, and we thank you for it.

Total hours volunteered for FY 2019 4,321; these hours are equivalent to \$109,883!



**BASTROP EMPTY BOWL PROJECT 2020
RAISED \$38,000.00
THANK YOU!**