

# Food For Thought

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## BASTROP COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY SPECIAL UPDATE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS REGARDING COV-ID 19

### COV-ID 19 (Coronavirus) Response

The Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry is actively monitoring developments related to COVID-19 (coronavirus) and taking proactive measures to protect the health and wellbeing of our clients, volunteers, and staff as we continue to serve our community.

We still need volunteers to help us get food out to our neighbors who need it, so our volunteer operations are open. In fact, we may need your help more than ever as others may become unable to volunteer. As always, it is our policy that people refrain from volunteer service if they are ill or have been exposed to a communicable disease. We also request that if you notify us if you travel out of state or country and to refrain from volunteering for 14 days after you return from traveling.

As a food-handling establishment, we always take precautions to combat the spread of germs. Our volunteer protocols will continue to focus keenly on food safety and sanitation.

1. Always wear gloves when handling food.
2. Food containers that come in get disinfected with bleach wipes.
3. Food containers & work stations are disinfected with bleach wipes BEFORE 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.

### OUR IMPACT

Our Impact: : March 25, 2020 - April 25, 2020  
Client Service Report Month Ending May 25 FY20

Volunteer Hours:	216 hrs		
	# of Clients	Pounds	Members in Household
NIBBLES	8	3690	0
Brown Bag	6	1514	0
Commodities	100	2170	149
Emergency Asst.	70	2240	95
Fresh Foods for Families	0	0	0
Open Arms	5	85	11
Disaster Asst.	53	2780	77
Pantry Express	0	0	0
Special Asst. Program	0	0	0
Senior Activity	0	0	0
Whole Grains	346	4778	513
TOTAL SERVED	653	21979	1057



### 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
- Canned green beans
- Canned corn
- Dry pinto beans
- Tuna
- Mac n cheese
- Peanut butter
- Dry cereals
- Small bags sugar
- Small bags flour
- Cooking oil (vegetable)
- Coffee



7/1 Deborah Baker 7/5 Terry Woods 7/19 Karen Kahan

### Important Dates

07/03/20 PANTRY EXPRESS 4:00 – 7:00 pm  
07/04/20 Pantry Closed

### 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](mailto:director@bastropfoodpantry.org) to set up a date to train.

**Volunteer Orientation**– TBA

**Food Safety Training:** TBA

**Donation Center Refresher Training:** TBA



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](http://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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## **BASTROP COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY SPECIAL UPDATE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS REGARDING COVID 19 CONTINUED**

1. We suspended the client choice part of our services. For Emergency Food Assistance, clients receive pre-made boxes of food through our curbside model. No access to the building.
2. Whole grains & Brown Bag in person distributions: Plexiglas placed at the front for clients to check in. Clients line up on designated spots, observe social distancing, wear face covering, and sanitize hands.
3. Brown Bag contactless delivery is in place for client's unable or uncomfortable picking up their food.
4. Volunteers and staff interacting will use hand sanitizer following any interaction with clients and practice social distancing.
  - a. Avoid coming in contact with individuals displaying symptoms of illness.
  - b. Keep a distance of approximately six feet from the nearest person while working.
  - c. Discard gloves after your shift. Do not save them.
  - d. Wear a face covering.
  - e. Greet others with a wave and avoid shaking hands.

We do recognize that the situation is changing daily, but we know this virus has the potential to impact those we serve the hardest and our priority is to continue serving the community and maintain normal business operations as long as we are able. Thank you for your support during these difficult times.

Sincerely,

Tresha Silva

Executive Director



**Thank you to each of you for all that you do to make this mission of this organization come to life!**

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