

July 2020

Food For Thought

"Lend a hand to help feed your fellow man"



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ST. DAVID'S FOUNDATION SUPPORTS THE BASTROP COUNTY EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

A Community Response through the Pandemic and Beyond

The Bastrop County Emergency Food Pantry is the first and sometimes only line of defense against hunger for individuals and families in crisis—especially now. Clients now receive food assistance through a pre-bagged curbside model that protects the health of volunteers, staff and clients. To ensure the safety of the county's most vulnerable population, the Food Pantry suspended all senior activities and now provides food to at-risk and homebound seniors through a contactless delivery system.

Between Covid-19 and the unprecedented lay-offs the Pantry experienced a 59% increase in request for services during the first six weeks of the pandemic. The peak in request occurred the first week of April when 80% more people requested emergency food assistance. This increase includes the homeless population as well, which requires specialized food distribution packets.

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

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

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OUR IMPACT

Our Impact: : April 25, 2020 - May 25, 2020

Client Service Report Month Ending June 25 FY20

Volunteer Hours: 168 hrs

	# of Clients	Pounds	Members in Household
NIBBLES	0	0	0
Brown Bag	106	2832	158
Commodities	76	2508	106
Emergency Asst.	98	11195	260
Fresh Foods for Families	0	0	0
Open Arms	6	108	12
Disaster Asst.	16	695	22
Pantry Express	0	0	0
Special Asst. Program	0	0	0
Senior Activity	0	0	0
Whole Grains	391	7809	557
TOTAL SERVED	693	25147	1115



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.

"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



8/2 Liz Waldrip
8/3 Warren Pederson
8/21 Tom Draper

Important Dates

08/06/20 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.

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While the Pantry currently has on stock, two weeks of food to distribute, this stock remains dependent on the food supply chain having the food available for the Pantry to purchase. This may lead to the Pantry needing to purchase food from more expensive vendors outside of their normal chain. The programmatic safety changes and the increased demand for services puts a financial strain on the Food Pantry.

The St. David's Foundation's generous Covid-19 response donation allows the Food Pantry to continue to provide these vital services to the community without interruptions. The Food Pantry is grateful for their continued partnership in times of crisis and their annual support of their senior Brown Bag program. With their help the residents of Bastrop continue to have a port in the storm to turn to.



Join us on Thursdays at 2:30 PM on our FB page for our Facebook Live Pantry Table Talk. Our six-week series will include some easy, low-cost recipes for healthy dishes to make for you and your family. We are so excited to have Monica Silva, a local registered dietitian to present these recipes to you.

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